FREE ISSUE



Opening Night for 'The Pavilion Art Show'



Top left: Pan Prendergast & Kevin Foley opening 'The Pavilion Art Show' Top centre: The Volunteers for the Catering Right: Lynny & Graham Ingles from Woodend Bottom left: Les & Gloria Pocock Bottom centre: Kathy Hall & Rod Gibson



There was a wonderful response to the opening night of **'The Pavilion Art Show'** exhibition. Kevin Foley along with Pan Prendergast made welcome the guests and exhibiting artists. The display welcomed many interested people and was yet another very successful event for host Redesdale & District Association.



Top right: Lin Newton, Chris Sargent and Isy Sargent.

Bottom right: Local residents and friends inspecting a wonderful array of art pieces. Bottom inset: Artist Anne Anderson



Pan

After





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Editorial

Dear Readers

This past month the local community had quite a few things to attend. see page 1-2

This coming month the School is having a triva afternoon see page. 7.

New Play group started See page 17. Next edition is a Printed eddition so have your contrubutions in by **November 20th**

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Bridge Connection - Mission Statement -

The mission of **Bridge Connection** is to bring people together by:

- Providing information about local issues, goals and events, and to celebrate local achievements,
- 2. Encouraging economic growth in the area
- 3. Fostering geographic identity, and
- Providing a platform for public debate Bridge Connection is published by local people who volunteer, for local people as a free paper and on line at redesdale.net and via face-book



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Redesdale shines (just for a moment!)

Having woken up this morning and realised it's Monday, the Art Show/Craft and Local Produce Market is over, and I have the feeling that something good has been achieved for our local community.

I am very aware that a team event is the key to a happy community and is the backbone of all small community events. We are certainly not the first, and hopefully not the last group of people to expose the local talent and offerings of our local community to the wider public.

Working on a small community project allows volunteers who show genuine kindness and generosity of spirit, whilst obtaining a sense of achievement and satisfaction from contributing their time, expertise and knowledge.

Our event shows we have the support from our own small business groups and the wider circle of rural leaders. The help we have received financially and physically is always gratefully received, and my thanks are offered to many people. I have a very long list but will get to them all eventually in person - I hope.

I want to acknowledge we received advice and help from people who don't live here, but are true supporters of Redesdale, including the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Blue Pencil Publishing, Ray White Heathcote, Ray White Kyneton, Bendigo Bank Heathcote and Pan After located in Melbourne. Additionally, our local sponsors include The Redesdale Hotel, Bell Cottage Redesdale, The House Gallery & Studio of Joyce A. Hopwood-Knights, Mt Lofty Estate, Kevin Foley and David Watt – artists in residence, Marisa Leahy, Matt & Regina Bennett, Robyn Abramowski, Kathy Hall, Gloria Pocock and Gary Prendergast.

My thanks goes to the incredible secretaries of both RaDA and RRRC, the dynamic RaDA and RRRC treasurers, the extremely talented catering-skills of Jo Smith-Sargent, with her super friendly, young team, all the group volunteers from RaDA and RRRC who gave their precious time for the weekend, including the extensive pre-planning and the clean up.

To the artists who had faith in us to show their precious works – we thank you. To the Craft and Produce stall holders who came from close by and far away, we are grateful you made the trip to Redesdale.

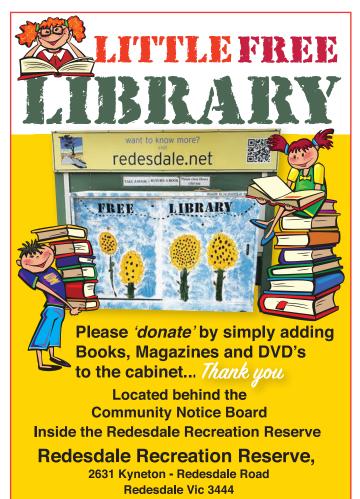
I am sure the future of Redesdale is on a positive course!

Pan Prendergast President Redesdale & District Association.

RaDA AGM

Saturday November 12th 2022 at 11am

@ the Redesdale Pavilion



Acting Principal: Andrew King

Phone: 5425 3155

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School News

Respect, Resilience & Relationships

The 5/6 Small School Urban Camp was a huge success. The students, Brodi and Skye, had a fantastic time away with their peers from other schools. They were always tremendously upbeat and loved engaging in such a rich variety of learning opportunities. Over the course of the camp the students attended the following attractions:

Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School

- Scienceworks
- Eureka Skydeck
- Melbourne Gaol
- ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image)
- Indoor Ice Skating
- The Shrine of Remembrance
- Parliament House
- Melbourne Zoo





Are you in search for a playgroup in the Redesdale Mia Mia surrounds?

Well then look no further as the Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School is now hosting a playgroup at our wonderful primary school. There is a Facebook page for the group, just search for 'Redesdale Mia Mia playgroup.' We had our first session, with many local families attending and establishing connections with other families. If you are interested, please feel free to join this group!

Please contact the school for 2023 enrolment information to be a part of our wonderful school. We are having three Prep transition days coming up, with the first happening on November 28th from 9:15-11AM.

Complimentary Drop-In Digital Learning Sessions



It's no secret companies and the government want us to use our technology more. However, some of us find this a little daunting, and need a little hands-on guidance to be more engaged.

<u>Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee</u>, in partnership with <u>City of Greater Bendigo</u>, is planning to arrange COMPLIMENTARY DIGITAL DROP-IN SESSIONS at the Redesdale Community Pavilion using the services of <u>Computer Coaching of Bendigo</u>.

 Learn how to best use your devices. Get assistance with internet issues. Connect apps across all your devices. Help with updating your software. 	 Understand how to use the internet for purchasing groceries, managing on-line accounts, pay utilities and other bills. Learn how to use Face-time or Zoom with family and friends.
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It's yet to be finalised, however our plan is for this service to be available 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month – commencing Oct. (6 months, excluding January 2023.)

Your expression of interest will assist us in getting this approved, so drop us a line and we can keep you updated on progress.

Contact: Craig Newton 0408 890 060 3444reserve@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets 10.00 am

2nd – 5th Sundays each month

followed by morning tea

at Barfold Union Church

Heathcote-Kyneton Rd, Barfold

Contact; Leigh 0425812786



UNITING CHURCH 10am Start Morning Tea is shared before each service at 9.40



Check the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Website for extra news

www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

For more information go to

www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Redesdale 2nd Sunday of each month 11am

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

Located on the side of the Redesdale fire station Access code is 3444 (Redesdale post code)

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Community owned defibrillator is now accessible to all community members. It is situated on the outside wall of the CFA building







As of September 1st The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System

will have four levels with action-oriented messages, logical colours and simple descriptions to encourage people to take action to protect themselves and others in the face of bushfire risks.

Normally at this time of year I would be warning of the grass drying off and to be careful doing any mowing or slashing in the middle of the day. What a strange season we're having. This year it won't stop raining and the grass won't stop growing so keep battling along, summer will arrive at some point.

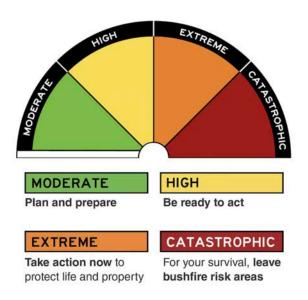
When this current La Nina effect will end is hard to say. The BOM, as they like to be called, have predicted that this current weather pattern will continue through late spring and into early summer. That's only four weeks away,but who knows? It's like the old story of the two weather forecasters walking out from their daily shift when one notices an office window open. He says to his work mate " Should we close that? " the other replied " Yes, you never know when it might rain."

Our most recent turn outs have been to a couple of car accidents and this was before the most recent heavy rain. The road conditions have deterioration considerably, some being destroyed, so remember to drive to the conditions. The road conditions are appalling so drive very carefully. With damage done to major roads like the Calder and McIvor, I don't expect our local and dirt roads to be fixed in a hurry. The COGB has taken a band aid fix around my area and put temporary closures on some back roads while scattering witches hats along others. This may be as good as we will get for a while. If you are concerned about a road though, the COGB has put out this statement " If you're out and about on our roads and see further damage, please visit www.bendigo. vic.gov.au/requests and log a request with our customer service team. " This may be worth a try. Stay dry and drive carefully.

Andrew Campbell Fire Prevention Officer.







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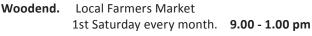






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	2nd Saturday of every month.	9.00 - 1.00pm

Castlemaine. Local Farmers Market. 1st Sunday of every month. 9.00 - 1.00pm
CFM. Weekly Market, Wednesday. 2.30 - 5.30pm
Clunes.Local Farmers Market2nd Sunday each month.8.30 - 1.00pm
Creswick.Local Farmers Market3rd Saturday every month.9.00 - 1.00pm
Daylesford.Local Market.Every Sunday.8.00 - 3.00pm
Gisborne.Olde Time Market.1st Sunday every month.9.00 2.00pm
Kyneton.Local Farmers Market.2nd Saturday every month.8.30 - 1.00pm
Lancefield. Local Farmers Market. 4th Saturday every month. 9.00 - 1.00pm
Maldon. Local Farmers Market. 2nd Sunday every month.
Malmsbury. Local Farmers Market. 3rd Sunday every month. 9.00 - 1.00pm
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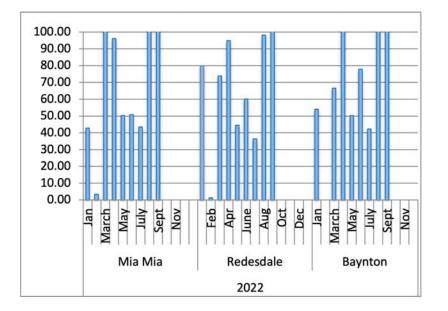
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The average yearly rainfall for **Redesdale** is about 601mms. Thank you to **Helen Bennett** for the **Mia Mia** readings & **Belinda Ryan** for **Baynton** readings



August Rain Fall

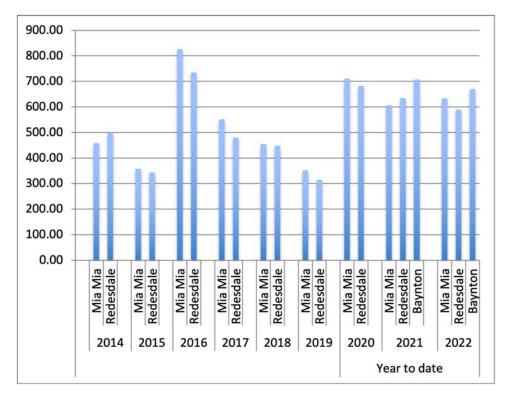
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Mia Mia 135.00mm Year to date 633.25mm

Baynton 132.60mm Year to date 669.70mm

Year Totals for Previous Years

2016	Mia Mia Redesdale	826.00 735.40
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spaghetti alla Carbonara (No Cream)

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300g guanciale cut into small pieces 2 tablespoons olive oil **Black pepper** 2 shakes of chilli flakes (to Taste) 1 whole clove of garlic finely chopped 100g grated parmesan cheese 100g grated pecorino cheese 3 large eggs 1 packet spaghetti

1 cup of the pasta water

Bring a pot of salted water to a vigorous boil. Cook the spaghetti as per packet instructions Meanwhile in a large pot, fry the garlic in oil add the guanciale and cook till lightly browned, add the chilli and set aside.

In a bowl, beat together the eggs, cheeses and pepper.

When the pasta is cooked, drain making sure to reserve a cup of the liquid.

Add the pasta to the guanciale, toss in the egg and cheese mixture and stir vigorously, this is when you may need to add the cooking water to make a luscious creamy sauce. Serve while it is hot.

(For vegetarians omit the meat and use mushrooms, not very traditional but yummy.)

Marisa Leahy

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Redesdale gives you a choice of venues for your next party, meeting or event.

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Don't forget the Hall Kitchen can be rented independently for preparation of your preserves and cooking demonstrations.

* Room Hire is free for local community group meetings.

For all enquiries contact Redesdale Recreational Reserve Committee: E: 3444reserve@gmail.com M: 0408 890 060

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Table cloths, white	\$10 each
Chairs, white plastic	\$2.50 each
Umbrellas , charcoal	\$5 each

A bond will be required on most equipment for hire. All proceeds go to the up keep & development of the RRRC.

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Supporting Flooded Central Victorians Return to Work and Play

Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters says the Australian and Victorian Governments \$877 million Recovery Support package will support Central Victorian businesses, farmers, not-for-profits and sporting clubs to rebuild and return to trade as quickly as possible, following the recent devastating floods.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to eligible businesses and not-for-profit organisations to support recovery efforts including rebuilding damaged infrastructure and replacing damaged assets.

Recovery grants of up to \$200,000 will also be available for medium and large businesses directly impacted by the floods.

To assist primary producers and rural landholders, grants of up to \$75,000 will be available as part of a recovery support package – complementing the existing Primary Producer Concessional Loan Program, announced last week.

The Primary Producer Recovery Support package will accelerate agricultural recovery and ensure rural and regional Victorians have access to expert advice and support.

Sporting and recreational clubs that have been impacted by the floods could be eligible for a \$5000 to \$50,000 grant to assist them with their recovery.

Funds can be used to cover expenses arising from significant direct damage to the organisation's facility and its equipment.

Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters

"The rebuild and repair bill from the recent flood damage across our region is huge and this additional support will help local businesses and organisations get back on their feet.

"We also know that local sporting clubs, who rely on volunteers, have seen immense damage from recent floods.

"Clubs like Marong FNC will be able to apply for the \$5000 available to assist with the clean up at Malone Park. If further assistance is required, the club can apply for up to \$50,000 to repair, rebuild and replace damaged to their ground and equipment.

"Given the importance of regional Victoria to our nation's food production, support local farmers is critical.

"Our Federal Labor Government in partnership our State Labor Government with is making sure flood affected business owners and communities have the support they need to rebuild and return to trade as quickly and safely as possible."

More info:

To find out more about accessing these programs visit vic. **gov.au/2022-flood-recover**y

For support with payments, clean-up or any other flood issues, Victorians can contact the Flood Recovery Hotline on **1800 560 760.**

Information on disaster assistance is available on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at disasterassist.gov.au

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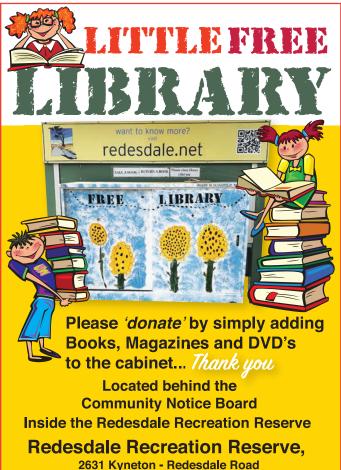
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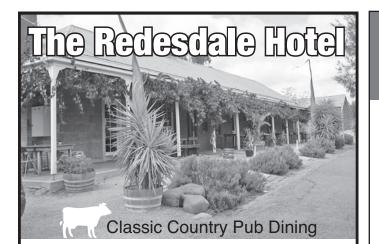
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Campaspe River Update



Best wishes for safety, strength and stamina to all those doing extra shifts to keep our communities going, thank you, and to all those adversely effected in so many ways by the floods. Good luck.



Heed the warnings to stay out of flood waters. Not only can the water be toxic, but the tangle of scaffolding washed from under the bridge is an example of the objects hidden in the water.

The Kyneton WRP Licence Amendment

On Oct 14 interested parties received this update from the EPA...

"EPA is continuing its assessment of the application. On 13 October, EPA issued Coliban Water a further Request for Information (RFI). This document requires Coliban Water to provide additional information to EPA to inform the assessment process, such as requiring Coliban Water to provide an assessment of discharge scenarios with higher dilution ratios. Preparation of the RFI was informed by EPA's consideration of the public feedback and advice from our experts. The statutory assessment period remains paused until EPA has received an acceptable response to the RFI." It is encouraging to learn that the EPA is being thorough with it's assessment, as grave concerns are still held by many, that the amendments sought may not protect the Campaspe, one reason being, that they are underpinned by the wording *"… under normal operating conditions"*. What does that actually mean?

Snipes Creek

Word was received on Oct 10th that an equivalent to Class B water had begun to be released into the creek on the 7th from the Kyneton Water Reclamation Plant. The letter stated; "Class B recycled water is permitted for livestock use (excluding pigs) and the risk to stock is considered low." The EPA has been asked to clarify whether this is low E. coli , low nutrient Class B water, or low E. coli, high nutrient Class B water. Coliban Water also put out a news release on their website on Oct 7th that noted that Class B water would be released into **McIvor Creek** from the Heathcote Water Reclamation Plant as well, and that downstream landholders should provide them with their preferred contact details to receive real time notifications.

Christmas Carols in the Paddock Friday 18 December 7 pm -9 pm

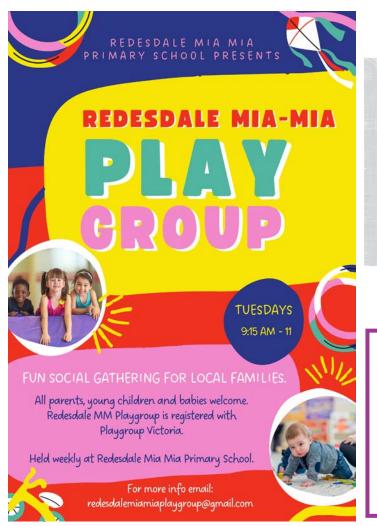
Carols with Steve Messer's

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Quote of the month:

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul."

Luther Burbank

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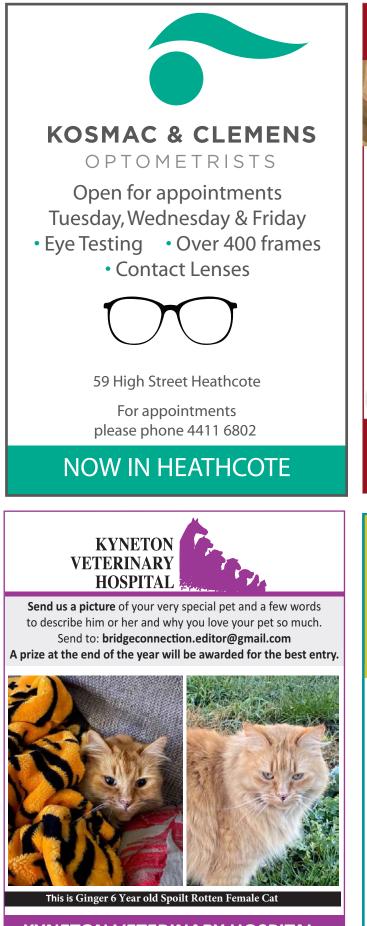
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