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ART CLASSES AT THE PAVILION

The Redesdale Pavilion provides a great venue for painting as the light is so good through those huge windows.

Art class participant Penny trying her hand at watercolour painting.

Twelve lucky budding artists have been attending Jane Rusden's beginners' watercolour course at the Redesdale pavilion. Jane is a professional artist and printmaker who has a degree in zoology and is passionately involved in local birdlife and nature journaling.

Redesdale is very fortunate to have such a talented artist to teach the fundamentals of watercolour technique. The course is of six fortnightly sessions which unfortunately end in early April. I think Jane will be under a lot of pressure from her students to run another course!



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Editorial

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As you know, we only print 4 copies a year now the other 6 editions are online via

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<https://www.redesdale.net/the-bridge-connection/>

We think we have fixed the delivery glitch now!

We hope you enjoy our April edition.

Happy Easter.



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ART CLASSES AT THE PAVILION

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Many people are shy of watercolour painting because of its unforgiving nature, but with Jane's attitude and technique there is a feeling of freedom and looseness that makes every mark on the page an exciting journey.

The Redesdale Pavilion provides a great venue for painting as the light is so good through those huge windows.

The course started with learning the nature of water colour pigments and how to control them. This was followed by a session on colours and their relationship to each other and how to mix the colours effectively. The course has now moved on to how to represent figures and shadows. One challenge was to depict a white cocky feather on white paper without using white paint. A lesson in how to paint shadows really. Over the next two final sessions, the participants will be painting a bird from a photo that Jane will provide, and the final session will be painting from a picture or an object that the students can bring along.

This has been such a great use of our new facility and let us hope there are more artistic adventures in store.

Kathy Hall

The Edgy Veg Awards

It's the Autumn Festival – get voting on your favourite veggie dish!

Head over to the Macedon Ranges to vote on your favourite plant-based dish in April. There will be everything from buddha bowls to vegan frittatas, curries, tacos, a Fattoush, a torte, banh mi and more – all made from plants!

The Edgy Veg Awards run from April 1st – 30th and there are a whopping 42 dishes entered across 26 cafes, pubs and restaurants in the Macedon Ranges. You can choose to eat a casual meal at a café or pub, or splash out at a fancy restaurant like Baringo in Gisborne. Baringo are entering two dishes, a curry and a Thai-style tofu salad: tofu, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and fresh herbs with Thai style dressing and larb gai seasoning

The event is an initiative of Veg Action to encourage people to eat more veg. We all know eating more veg is important – for our health, and the planet's. Reducing your meat and dairy intake helps cut methane gas and nitrous oxide emissions.

The Edgy Veg Awards give you the perfect opportunity to try new dishes made by the best chefs in the Macedon Ranges, and to add a little more veg to your day.

Voting in the competition is easy, each participating venue will display the competition QR code that you can scan to rate your dish online. You can find out more about the Edgy Veg Awards from the competition website: veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards or scan the QR code in this article. The awards are funded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, as part of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group's Sustainable Living Festival series.



Staff at Baringo in Gisborne, photography by Bridget Scott

Time Line Of Mia Mia History

Part2.

Part 1. March 2023 Edition

GOLD AND MORE GOLD

The newly created colony of Victoria (July the first 1851) was turned upside-down by the open finding of alluvial gold at Ballarat later that year. There had been whiffs of gold previously and LaTrobe realized the turmoil that could ensue. Then as now the Americans are still working through their gold rush upheavals. The effect at Mia Mia largely due to the gold rushes at Bendigo and Heathcote was stupendous. For details read elsewhere. One local event is worth mentioning. In 1853, 70kgs of gold and \$500k (value today in AUD 6 to 7 \$million) worth of cash was transported from the McIvor fields to Kyneton for shipment to Melbourne. As the colonial government could not provide armed police escorts for all shipments, private escort companies were formed to perform that task. A local company was created in Bendigo by some undistinguished local business people to fulfill that objective.

On 23rd July 1853 the convoy left Heathcote passed through a steep gully.

It was so steep that the carrying coach could not be turned around or continue at some pace up the incline. Out of bush stepped armed and mounted robbing brigands. Unfortunately, the Police Sergeant who was on the coach found that his pistol had jammed and could not fire. The brigands galloped off with the gold, but shots had been fired so some noise was enjoyed. When I came to research the company record, not a syllable could be found about the non-registration of the company nor of the named Directors. All had attacks of the vapours and had to flee to healthier climes. The company was bogus from the outset but more was to follow. That amount of gold could not have been passed on in the local Victorian market, as it would have disturbed that market. It had to be spirited out of Melbourne. Fortunately a local ship was found which set sail shortly afterwards and was never heard or seen again. Meanwhile two local lads who did some of the shooting and got in return \$100 worth of gold dust, were properly topped, but not quartered as that might have affected the ladies. All this just out of Mia Mia CBD.

June 1860 witnessed the departure of Messrs Burke and Wills and impedimenta, from Melbourne to the Arafura Sea in order to discover the non-existent lake or rivers which "serviced" inland Australia.

On their sixth day out, together with their boats, camels, and hat boxes a call of nature befell Burke. He found it necessary to ride over to Castlemaine so as to relieve himself with his mistress who lived in that town with her parents. Having been the police sergeant, he felt she could oblige him despite being a mature woman of 16. A touch of paedophilia to commence the journey was in order, so instead of a stayover night on what is now the Mia Mia Recreation Reserve or "The flat", the entire outfit was there for three days and the less written about the nights the better.

In 1868 The township of Mia Mia was declared, and land lots subdivided.

The name had gone through several iterations. Miami, was one. The subdivided allotments took no regard of cliffs, flood plains, or geology. So, to this day, quarter acre house blocks litter the area. They have planning permits but not building permits, so that every twenty years some are

sold by western suburbs shonks to people who think they are buying the Oz dream but in reality, without hope of ever building on them. Even with advanced technology, town water is not a prospect and sewerage even less so.

The Mia Mia/Redesdale Bridge over the Campaspe (1867) is one too far. The curious triple arches and double platforms derive from its original purpose as a railway bridge across the Yarra at Hawthorn. It was brought to Victoria in prefab form but was too short for its intended purpose. A successful insurance episode was fought out when the ship carrying most of it sank at its wharf in Melbourne.

This caused most of its bits to deteriorate but were restorable. The two adjoining shires fought over cost and repair but need not have bothered as the cost of constructing the approach roads far exceeded that of the bridge.

RECENT EVENTS

Mia Mia set the scene for aeronautical development in Australia. The Duigan brothers of Spring Plains station, were schoolboys in 1910 when they were handed a postcard of the Wright Brothers craft taking to the air at Kitty Hawk. When on holidays they set about and succeeded in building at Mia Mia the first manned and powered aircraft in Australia. The station is still there and the aircraft in the foyer of the Melbourne Museum. Houdini did fly a couple of months earlier, but his aircraft had been imported from France.

In 1945, at almost exactly the same spot, a Stimson passenger plane fell out of sky as local farmers and wives stood around in horror. The phrase "fell out of the sky" is accurate and one used in the coronial enquiry. The plane had been modified by having its nose engine removed. The plane was enroute to Mildura where a wartime aircraft facility was engaged in research. Aboard were US naval engineers and some Australia scientists. One with his son onboard. All were killed, but it did lead to the recognition of metal fatigue as a prime factor in aircraft design and construction. One of its wings had simply fallen off due to what was then unknown.

Since then, Mia Mia staged Concert Opera seasons for eight years but Covid stopped that. The Burke and Wills Track is up for repair and reintroduction of vineyards has enlivened the scene.

Howard Nathan

Letter to the Editor

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The Bridge Connection
To the Editor
27/03/23

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you and your team on a wonderfully interesting edition of the "Bridge Connection" (March 2023). My wife, Holly, and I arrived in Redesdale in 2009. We came straight from inner suburban Melbourne (Newport) and were longing for a country lifestyle. We had been searching for properties for some time and finally found our Redesdale home down near the river (in a house built by "Bunny" Barlow about 7 years before our arrival, and later owned by Peter Hargreaves and his wife Jill). Upon signing the papers with the Agent down at the property, he suggested we go to the Pub for a celebratory drink. We were quite surprised as we did not even realise that there was a Pub! We had driven past a number of times, but there was no signage and no way of telling that the old bluestone was a Pub. A great and welcome surprise.

We arrived in Redesdale in January, 2009. At that time I was running 2 travel businesses based in Melbourne, and Holly was running a high-end giftware business also in Melbourne. It took a long time for us to learn anything about the area we had moved to. Our commute began very early each morning with a drive in to Kyneton followed by the fast train to Spencer Street. By the time we arrived back home it was pretty late in the evening, so weekends were our only real time to get to know the area. At that time, I don't think the "Bridge Connection" was up and going. How we wish it was!

Many years before meeting Holly, I ran the General Store in outback Innamincka, on the banks of Cooper Creek. It was only a 12 month stint, but I loved it, and I'm sure that was the reason I really wanted to move back to the country. Despite the daily commute, we really did love the country life, and still do. Holly's parents were regular guests, and it was not long before they decided to move up this way, eventually buying a home in Drummond North.

We ended up starting a travel agency in Kyneton, from where I ran my travel wholesale businesses, but Holly continued the arduous commute to Melbourne each day. It was pretty exhausting stuff. About 4 years ago we decided to sell up after I suffered a sudden stroke and was not really able to continue working. We had decided we would look for a property in a country town somewhere. We looked all over Central Victoria, and finally found an ideal property for rent in Mia Mia, 2 km from our Redesdale home! I retired, and Holly found a job in Kyneton.

Every day we cross the old iron and bluestone bridge at least twice, for one reason or another, and for us the name of our local newsletter/paper is genius. There really is a 'bridge connection' between Redesdale and Mia Mia, and our local paper really does create just as important a link.

Sincerely, Simon Hills

Community Bank awards scholarship

Community Bank awards scholarship to Nagambie youth

Abigail-Elise Lazenby is Bendigo Bank Nagambie's 2023 Tertiary Scholarship winner. The Nagambie local was awarded a spot at LaTrobe Universities Biomedicine Bachelors Degree at Bundoora, a distance which made moving on campus the logical decision.

Ms Lazenby said "the scholarship will take a lot of financial pressure off me and allow me to focus more on my studies. It's the equivalent of 11 weeks rent on campus."

Ms Lazenby's enrolment into the Biomedicine degree was inspired by her own journey with Type 1 Diabetes. Diagnosed when she was 12 years old, she felt a tremendous amount of support from the Diabetes Community and hopes that she can do the same for someone else.

"I'm currently leaning towards specialising in Type 1 Diabetes education which will require more specialised learning once I complete my degree" she said. "There is always more need to educate people about this condition."

Branch Manager Teri Johnson said she was always so excited to be able to be a part of these vital scholarships.

"Bendigo Bank Nagambie along with Community Bank Heathcote & District are always looking for ways to support our youth with their education and I am so pleased that we have been able to award this scholarship to Abigail-Elise. It is through the support of our customers that we are able to offer scholarships like this and much more of our local communities."

Applications to Community Bank Heathcote & District and Bendigo Bank Nagambie Rural Scholarships close 9 April which allows all our farming community a chance to support or begin their education in a rural industry. More information about this scholarship can be found at heathcotenagambie.community



Tertiary Scholarship winner Abigail-Elise Lazenby
Branch Manager Teri Johnson



Left Our latest release 2019 vintage with Guinea Fowl on the label. Why Guinea Fowl, I'll leave that to a future article.

Newbies in Redesdale

In June 2016 Mark and I embarked on a new adventure, that saw us face many new challenges

when we bought a country property in Redesdale with frontage onto the Campaspe River.

We never anticipated or sought to have a vineyard let alone a 400-tree olive grove, but the property ticked so many other boxes, rolling hills, great views, established gardens, abundant wildlife and all 1 1/2 hours from Melbourne, it was difficult to resist. We were looking for an interest to keep us active and engaged for our next stage of life, which was not far away.

We certainly have had a baptism of fire as the property was not all that it seemed, so we rolled up our sleeves and have been busy restoring, renovating, repairing and improving many parts of the property as well as adding extensive new plantings. An absolute success to date has been the vegetable gardens, with produce in abundance. Consequently, I have been busy trialling many different types of produce from sam-bals, jams and various pickles.

Mark and I are truly enjoying the challenges and the beauty of having a small farming property within the community of Redesdale which has been so welcoming. Our property is quite unique in its rocky terrain, our favourite contractor Joey refers to it as "Rockdale" which is true. However, having an abundant supply of stone has allowed us to continue building dry stone walls, which the nearby countryside has many examples of.

We picked our first harvest of grapes in 2017 and released our very own label, Gibbards Crossing Shiraz with the incredible support of two of Heathcote's premier wine producers.



Left Sunset over Gibbards Crossing Vineyard

Wine of the Month Gibbards Crossing Shiraz



Netting at Barfold Estate – Nigel, Mark, Sandra, Joey

A few weeks ago, we once again netted the vineyard to protect the grapes for the 2023 harvest and could not have done it without the support of our neighbours Lin and Craig. Mark and I then popped over to Barfold Estate to assist Sandra with some of her netting. And that is the most special part of being here. Bella and Hugo also made friends that day.

We have been blessed to have had such wonderful support, advice and guidance from so many people within the local community, it really makes my heart sing. Whether its building a fence, or a log cabin chook house, digging a ditch or picking olives, there are always neighbours offering to lend a helping hand. The friendships that develop so organically in this community are incredibly special and we feel so lucky to have joined this wonderful community.

Frederika

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Morning Tea is shared before each service at 9.45



Mia Mia Church Service Service at
10am, morning tea at 9.45

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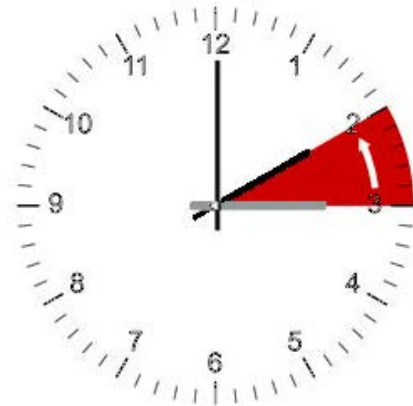
With the end of daylight savings upon us again, it's time to drag out the good old " **change your clock and change your smoke alarm battery** " slogan. This year the CFA want to take it a step further and encourage you to purchase another smoke alarm.

Research has shown that most homes do not have enough smoke alarms, there has been occasions where the alarm is going off in the hallway but not heard from the bedrooms. For this reason the CFA is encouraging people to install a smoke alarm at least in the master bedroom. The newer versions have Lithium batteries in them which can last 10 years. These basic models can be purchased from hardware stores for around \$30 with other models that link to alarms in multiple rooms being more expensive. If anyone was in need of assistance to install a new alarm we, at the brigade, are able to help.

With an extended dry period continuing we are cautious about what to expect with the Easter holiday period approaching. We have seen reckless behaviour start fires close to home, caused by landholders wanting to clean up their properties. Mowing dry grass is our greatest concern. With a steel blade hitting rock, bearings running hot and a muffler pumping out hot fumes and embers, a mower provides multiple sources of ignition. It is best to not mow at all. If you really have to then use the conditions to your advantage. Take note of the weather forecast and choose a cool, still or even showery day. If that's not possible then at least start early and finish before the day warms up. **Don't mow at 3pm.**

Happy Easter and drive safely, from the crew at RFB

Andrew Campbell
Fire Prevention Officer.



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3rd Sunday every month. **9.00 - 1.00pm**

Trentham. Local Farmers Market.
3rd Saturday every month. **9.00 - 1.00pm**

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1st Saturday every month. **9.00 - 1.00 pm**

APRIL

Sat 1st – 30th - Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival
- Art in the Vines Hanging Rock Winery

Sun: - Daylight Saving ends @ 2am move clocks back 1 hr

Fri: 7th – Good Friday
Sun 9th Easter Sunday
Mon: 10th- Easter Monday

Sat, 22nd: Open Studios, Macedon

Tue 25th ANZAC Day Service's @ Heathcote
Sutton Grange 11am

Sat, 29th: Run the Rock, Hanging Rock Reserve

Sunday 2nd Glamaganza Ball Bendigo Town Hall

MAY

Thur: 4th-7th - Bendigo Writer's Festival
Sat: 6th - The Great Trentham Spudfest
Sun 14th - Mother's Day
Mon 15th - Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School open day

JUNE

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Tables, wood, 1.8m x 1m	20	Umbrellas, charcoal	10

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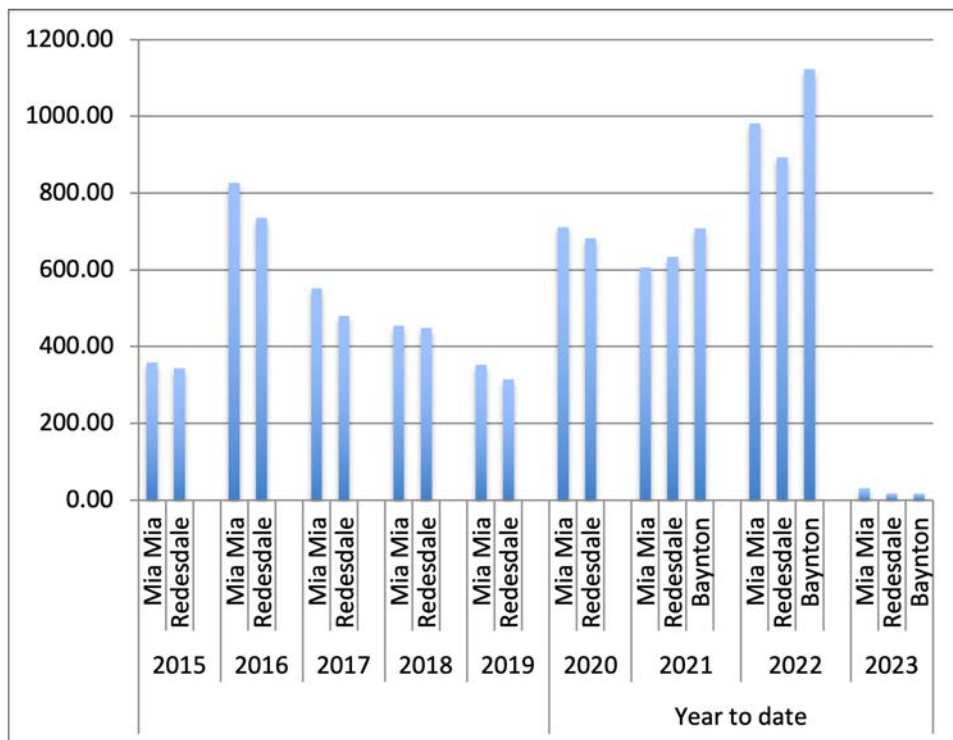
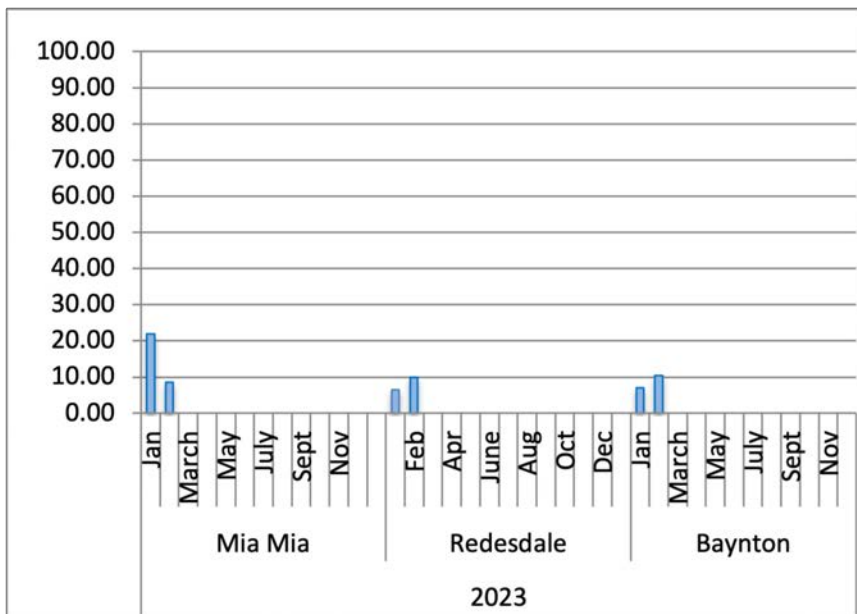
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Baynton readings

Year Totals for Previous Years

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
2022	Mia Mia	981.50
	Redesdale	894.00
	Baynton	1122.30



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spaghetti alla Nerano

74



Oil for deep frying

6 to 10 zucchini, (varying sizes is fine)

500gm spaghetti

4 tablespoons olive oil

10 basil leaves torn into pieces

4 tablespoons butter

10 tablespoons grated parmesan

(or 5 parmesan and 5 pecorino)

Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Slice zucchini into small rounds (I used a mandolin)

Heat oil in deep fryer in small batches and fry till brown

(Approx. 4 to 5 minutes)

Remove from oil and drain on a paper towel

Let the zucchini cool, transfer to a bowl

Add the basil and place in fridge overnight

(or a few hours till soft)

Cook the spaghetti as per packet instructions until its 2 minutes away from being tender

Heat oil in a pan, add the zucchini cook stirring often till soft, and add a cup of spaghetti cooking water and the butter to the pan,

Transfer the spaghetti to the pan, add the cheese and toss well.

If needed add a splash more water from the spaghetti pot, add pepper and taste for salt

This delicious recipe is a great way to use zucchini and yes they must be deep fried

Marisa Leahy

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Plant of the Month

Old Man Saltbush

Atriplex nummularia

In this series, I am emphasising plants that are hardy and thrive in our dry granitic environment. In this regard, saltbush is a winner. It does everything you want it to do. It tolerates severe drought, is frost tolerant, can be hedged, provides nesting cover for all our beautiful little wrens, attracts bees and butterflies, provides a lovely grey contrast to greener plantings – and, most pleasingly, it is extremely easy to propagate from cuttings.

For those of you who have recently arrived here and are ready to plant a new garden, there is no need to buy this plant, just ask a local for a few sprigs. We are very willing to show you how to propagate. As you can see from the photos, it is a great hedge and ground cover.

Because of its light colour, it is sometimes planted along driveways and roadsides because its reflective leaves make it easy to see at night.

Kathy Hall
Coliban Springs



April Kitchen Garden Action

now is the time to plant or sow:

Artichokes – plant crowns, Beetroot – **sow direct (SD)**

Broad beans – SD. Broccoli – **plant seedling (PS)**

Brussels sprouts – PS, Cabbage - SD, Carrot - SD

Cauliflower- PS, Chives - SD, Coriander - SD

Endive - SD, English spinach – SD

Garlic – plant bulbs with pointy end facing up

Kale - PS, Leek – PS , Lettuce - SD

Mint – SD in a pot to avoid spread in veg patch

Onion – SD, Pak choi - SD, Parsley – SD, Peas - SD



above Atriplex



Above Atriplex as hedge

Radish- SD, Rocket - SD

Spring Onions - PS thickly in wide drills

Still time to plant your spring bulbs.

Dead head Agapanthus

Cut asparagus ferns to the ground when they fade

Consider succession planting your veg to avoid harvest gluts

Apply liquid fertiliser every 2 weeks

Prune raspberry canes – summer fruit bearer remove only canes that bore fruit

this year.

Autumn fruiting varieties have all their canes cut to the ground.

Happy Autumn in your Kitchen garden



April 30th, 2023 • 8.30am – 12.30pm

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Regional Population Ripple?

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The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) think tank's 2032 strategy, The Rebalance the Nation Report 2022, includes a goal of adding 500,000 extra people to the regions, many of whom would be encouraged to leave their capital city homes. This would bring the country's regional population to 11 million.

Who are the RAI?

According to the website, it is Australia's "first and only independent think tank dedicated to building robust regional economies and a better quality of life in our regional towns and cities."

Founded in 2011 with seed money from the federal government and operating from Canberra, it is apparently a "non-partisan, not-for-profit organisation that undertakes research to stimulate and activate our rural and regional communities."

Funding comes from research partnerships with Federal and State governments, national "Regions Rising" events, regional consultancy projects, membership and philanthropic funding. The RAI seeks to inform all levels of government, industry and community to ensure the best outcomes for regional Australia and hopes that by doing this it will replace myth and stereotype with facts and knowledge. The RAI aims to build bridges between city and country Australians and says on its website: "We care about the regions, because when our regions are strong, Australia is strong."

What is the RIA calling for?

- 500,000 extra people in regional Australia by 2023 to drive prosperity and productivity,
- Increase levels of high school and tertiary qualifications,
- Have rental vacancy rates above 3%,
- More childcare options in regional areas to reduce "childcare deserts",
- More young people (15 – 39) in regions, and
- Increase new business and innovation in regional Australia.

The project has had a mixed response from regional centres, many of whom are struggling with rental vacancy rates, staffing and infrastructure shortages. Buying a home has also become tougher, as arrivals at rural centres during the pandemic have been driving up house prices.

RAI chief, Liz Richie, has said that she understood many regions were under tremendous pressure but that it was still time to start thinking about growth. She said, "Communities won't grow unless the leaders rally around to make them grow and growth will bring workers and critical infrastructure"

The ripple effect

There is evidence that as more people from capital cities moved to regional towns during the pandemic, some longer-term residents have moved further inland. It is unclear whether locals have been priced out of the market, displaced or are moving to smaller and less populated areas for a slower life with more space. This effect has been recorded in Noosa in Queensland, Victoria's Surf Coast, and Eurobodalla and Lake Macquarie in NSW.

Regional areas that have recorded triple digit increases in net internal migration in 2022 are Port Pirie in South Australia (population 17,750), Central Goldfields in Victoria (population 13,380), Glenn Innes in NSW (population 8,900), and Gladstone in QLD (population 64,000).

This is certainly food for thought. How have our three local governments, Macedon, Mount Alexander and the City of Greater Bendigo responded to the report? We at Bridge Connection would be interested in your feedback.



POEM OF THE MONTH



Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;

Lengthen night and shorten day;

Every leaf speaks bliss to me

Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow

Blossom where the rose should grow;

I shall sing when night's decay

Ushers in a drearier day.

Emily Bronte

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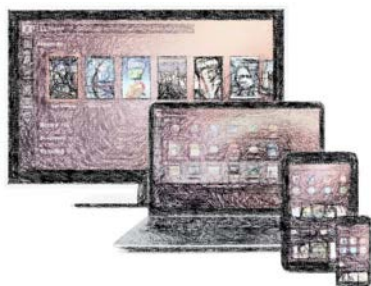


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Next Wednesday 5th April will be the 6th and final session, so drop-in to clarify any of your tech issues.

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