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## AWARDED LIFE MEMBERS

**Congratulations, Your community thanks you all for your service.**



Above L-R: Calvin Millard (40y), Grant Hulls (45y), Ned Upton(55y), Anthony Ryan (45y).

Right: John Dempster receiving 65 Year Service Medal from Captain Calvin Millard.

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Congratulations, John, for your 65 years of service to the Mia Mia community and surrounds.

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Stay safe and  
see you back in  
2024

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and Susan McInnes

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## Editorial

Hello Readers!

It was great to see so many people come to the sausage sizzle barbecue on Sunday Dec 3rd. (see page 19) There was enthusiastic discussion about future local projects and events, Many have putup their hands to help local committees.

February is going to be a busy month with important information Sessions for our community concerning health (page 8) and safty (page 9) hope to see you all there .

Happy Christmas!



Regina Bennett

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As this will be my last article until March next year, I just wanted to revisit the steps that we can take to be safe over the summer period. Firstly, don't be that person who starts a fire. Sounds like common sense but unfortunately we keep turning up to fires at 3pm where the property owner is looking sheepish while standing next to a charred mower.

The first rule for preventing fires is " Don't mow dry grass ". An extension of this rule is avoid operating machinery in the heat of the day. Any engine will have a muffler that gets hot, can give off sparks , have bearings that overheat and/or have a metal blade that can cause a spark off a rock.

Knowing the forecast and using the weather conditions to your advantage can make a great difference to your safety if you have to operate machinery during the summer conditions. An example of the changeable weather conditions is from the Elders weather app from 12 months ago:

7am 12 degrees Celsius, 88% humidity and 5 kph winds

( can reasonably expect to control a fire outbreak)

2pm 34 degrees Celsius, 5% humidity and 30 kph winds

( would be difficult to get a fire under control)

My advice would be to work to the conditions and take advantage of favourable weather.

For those who have been busy and have cleared their property, the brigade is once again awarding a \$100 Bunnings voucher to the " Best Prepared Property " This will be presented at the Fire Awareness Session. If you want to nominate yourself or a neighbour please contact me or any brigade member.

For more information on how you can protect yourself, your family and your property, the Redesdale and Mia Mia brigades will be hosting a Fire Awareness Session. A CFA representative will be there to present and you can also talk to members of your local brigade. The session will be:

@ The Pavilion, Agnes Mudford Reserve

7pm Thursday December 7th

Light refreshments to follow.

Hope to see you all there!

**Andrew Campbell**

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# THREATS AND EXTORTION SCAMS

## WOULD YOU RECOGNISE THE SIGNS OF A THREAT AND EXTORTION SCAM?

Speak up and report before handing over money to someone who threatens you.

Scammers pretend to be from an organisation and claim you need to pay money. They may threaten you with arrest, deportation, or even physical harm, if you don't agree to pay them immediately.

They can also blackmail you by threatening to share naked pictures or videos you have sent them unless you send them money.

Don't be pressured by a threat. Stop and check whether it's true.

## WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS IT MIGHT BE A SCAM?

You receive a call, message or email out of the blue from someone claiming to be from a government department, debt collection agency or trusted company.

They will claim that you owe money and threaten you with legal action or arrest.

The caller will tell you that to fix the matter you will need to pay a fee or fine.

The caller may ask for your personal information, such as your passport details, date of birth or bank information.

The caller may claim the police will come to your door and arrest you if you do not pay the fee or fine straight away.

You are asked to transfer money to an account to 'keep it safe' or for 'further investigation'.

## WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

Don't be pressured by a threatening caller asking for money. Hang up and don't respond.

Don't pay anyone by unusual methods such as by gift or store cards, iTunes vouchers, wire transfers or Bitcoins.

Don't use any contact details provided by the caller. Verify their identity by calling the relevant

organisation directly. Find them through an independent source such as a phone book, past bill or online search.

Do not respond to texts or emails. If you do, the scammers will escalate their intimidation and attempts to get your money.

## MORE SAFEGUARDS

Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or identity information like your driver licence or passport to anyone you don't know or trust. Never share them by email or over the phone.

If you are concerned for your safety, contact the police.

If the scam is sent by email, don't open any attachments, click on links, or download files. They can infect your computer with malware.

## THINK YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED?

Act fast to stop any further losses

Contact your bank or card provider immediately to report the scam. Ask them to stop any transactions.

Change passwords on all your devices and online accounts like banking, email, government and shopping.

Get help to recover

**IDCARE is Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service. They can help you make a plan (for free) to limit the damage. Call them on 1800 595 160 or visit their website to find out more.**

Report the scam

Once you have secured your details, you can help try to stop the scam or to warn others by reporting the scam to SCAMWATCH.

**I got this information from SCAMWATCH.**

**It's available to everyone.**

Please be vigilant at all times, and particularly over the holiday period, with protecting your personal details and banking information.

**Lisa Campbell**



# MIA MIA CFA

## AWARDED SERVICE MEDALS

**Congratulations, your community thanks you all for your service.**



CFA MEMBERS - PRESENTED WITH THEIR SERVICE MEDALS



ANDREW PATTISON	25 Year Medal
ANTHONY RYAN	45 Year Medal
BERNARD RYAN	45 Year Medal
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MATTHEW BENNETT	30 Year Medal
MATTHEW RYAN	20 Year Medal
NED UPTON	55 Year Medal
PETER BENNETT	45 Year Medal
SANDRA RAMSAY	5 Year Certificate of Service

Firefighters rose planted at the firebrigade station



### MIA MIA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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Honour Roll recording the recipients names.			CFA LIFE MEMBERS
			2000 H. CAMPBELL 2000 G. ROSS 2000 M.J. (Jack) ROSS 2000 W.J. ANDERSON 2007 E. (Ted) BENNETT



# Remembering the characters of Redesdale & district: #1 Mrs Took

The old couple who lived on the next round over were Charlie and Leila Took. My memories of Mrs Took were ... just a bit different! She was a hard woman. Some say she would have died with the first cent (penny?) she ever earned! Mum was a good neighbour and friend to her. I remember many a time when Mrs Took's version of gratitude was to show up on our doorstep and drop off food – usually accompanied by the statement (or was it a warning?) that “it's out of date and just about to go off anyway”. This food was quickly dispatched to the bin. Mrs Took would go to local events and be seen gathering up the leftover food: claiming it was for the dogs. But we all knew that Charlie would eat well that night. And the dogs...well, I doubt they got any of the bounty!

Back in those days, the big deal was the local dance. The entry was often 50 cents or ladies brought a plate. Mrs Took would nearly always bring along a sponge – no icing, no filling. Just a sponge cake! Not surprisingly, the Hall ladies would be too embarrassed to serve it up, so Mrs Took was able to take her sponge home. The locals caught onto this scam pretty quickly. One night someone (who shall remain nameless!) who was a bit of a wag, grabbed the sponge; put it on their seat; sat on it and then started yelling out, “Oh no, I've at on Mrs Took's sponge. There'll be cream and icing everywhere. What a mess”. If look could have killed – they'd have been an autopsy at Kyneton that week!

I remember another time when Mrs Took came around to see Mum. My brother Ross and I decided to get well out of the way and decided to go for a ride up the paddock: he on a minibike and me relegated to a pushie. I couldn't keep up (no surprise!) so we hatched what we thought was a cunning

plan – him towing me along behind him, on a rope. All good, until...we headed home. Ross went first around the corner only to find Mrs Took coming along the driveway. He stopped straight away. I, on the other hand, did not. I kept coming until the rope went taut and I was thrown headfirst over the handlebars. I landed on the road and Mrs Took blissfully drove straight over the top of me. And kept on going! Yep! Luckily all I ended up with was a bit of gravel rash to show for the ordeal (no...no tyre marks!). Mum knew she was a terrible driver and had always been concerned when she left that she would take out a section of the picket fence around the garden or the washing line. Don't think she ever imagined Mrs Took would take out her son!

***Andrew Campbell***

Editor's note: we'd like to thank Andrew for being the 1st to write up his memories of a Redesdale character. We know there are many more. Do you have someone whose memory makes you smile? If you do, we'd love to hear from you. Small towns need to keep the memory of past times alive – story telling is a great way to do this. And if Andrew's experience is anything to go by, he'll be writing more instalments as he remembers more of the fabulous people who lived here before us.

# ***Being Heart Smart*** a Community Event

**When:** Saturday, 10 February 2024 12:30

**Where:** Redesdale Pavilion at the Agnus Mudford Reserve

Despite regular health checks, John Beurle was unaware he had a 'ticking time bomb' in his chest with a significant restriction in his main artery. Swift action by doctors meant he now has a stent and is living a normal, healthy life.

Since then, John has been sharing his story and the silent risk we might all have in our own bodies and hereditary risks of heart disease. Come and hear John's story with **Nanci Thornton**, *Heart Smart Coordinator at Epworth Healthcare* who will share with you:

- What is a heart attack?
- Would you recognize a heart attack?
- What are the signs and symptoms of angina?
- Risk factors for Heart Disease
- Things to do and check in your own situation
- Diet and exercise tips





# Protect your **farm** and your **online** presence!

## Save the Date!

Grant Sutton from AgCloud is coming to talk to the Redesdale and District Community on

**Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**6pm at the Redesdale Hall**

In recent times, cybercriminals have identified a new demographic to target – the farming community. It's important to understand that you're not facing this challenge in isolation. Builders, real estate agents, tradies, and businesses with a high turnover are equally susceptible to the trouble these cyberthreats bring.

Many farmers face difficulties due to limited technology resources and expertise, which can make it difficult to address these potential risks effectively.

AgCloud is a local business set up to instigate meaningful change within this domain to raise awareness, provide comprehensive education, and valuable resources aimed at genuinely reducing the risks associated with falling victim to cyberattacks.

### **Some Key Discussion points will be.**

- Do you have all the deterrents you should?
  - CCTV surveillance signage.
  - No trespassing or Bio-security signage.
  - Good locks on gates.
  - Visible cameras around the farm property.
  - Sensors for detecting vehicle entry or opening gates.
  - Smart lighting to provide a strong deterrence upon arrival.
- Do you have digital deterrents for your online presence, such as
  - Fit for purpose email host (Like the strength of the gate, protects the entire property)
  - Suitable domain name (The name that is displayed on the gate)
  - Secure password (The lock that protects the gate)
  - Strong Multi-Factor-Authentication (Notifying you if there is an attempt to open the gate & like having a more difficult lock)
  - Can you keep your security updated (Like performing regular maintenance on the gate)

### **To get some help before the presentation:**

Online resources for farm crime: <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/current-focus/farm-crime/>

Online resources for cybercrime: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

If you are concerned about your farm security in both the physical & the digital, you can give AgCloud a call on **Mobile:** 0417560231 or **email** us on [info@agcloud.co](mailto:info@agcloud.co)

# Mia Mia Cricket Club Season Draw

## Round 7

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 09**

December 2023

Mandurang Division 3

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V

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## Round 12

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 17**

February 2024

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Mandurang

Division 3

## Round 8

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 16**

December 2023

MMCC

V

Axe Creek DIV 3

**Mia Mia Recreation Reserve**

**Mia Mia Recreation Reserve**

## Round 13

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 24**

February 2024

## Round 9

### One Day 01:00 PM,

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 20**

January 2024

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Bagshot

**Mia Mia Recreation Reserve**

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V

Axe Creek DIV 3

**Mia Mia Recreation Reserve**

## Round 14

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 02**

March 2024

## Round 10

### One Day 01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 03**

February 2024

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West Bendigo Division 3

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**Mia Mia Recreation Reserve**

## Round 15

### One Day

01:00 PM,

**Saturday, 02**

March 2024

## Round 11

### One Day

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## CFA brigades in need of investment ahead of fire season

Nationals Member for Euroa Annabelle Cleeland has called on the Labor Government to ensure local CFA brigades are properly equipped to handle what is expected to be an intense fire season.

After documents from Fire Rescue Victoria were made public recently, reports indicated that more than half of Melbourne's fire truck fleet is over 15 years old, while the situation is even more dire for our regional brigades.

"So many of our dedicated volunteer fire brigades are stuck with the majority of their vehicles, pumpers, and tankers being over 20 years old," Ms Cleeland said.

"Many other CFA appliances throughout the region are listed as being over 30 years old.

"Having met with many brigade captains and volunteers recently, there are serious concerns about these ageing vehicles, as well as the culture of the CFA, as it deals with a lack of funding and support from the Labor Government."

A report made by the Grattan Institute last year highlighted the dangers associated with trucks this old, including carcinogens that can cause serious illness and death, increased carbon emissions, pollution and more.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Ms Cleeland said failing to provide our brigades with fit-for-purpose vehicles, together with several other recent policy decisions, would be putting our communities, and volunteer firefighters, at risk.

"With the fire season approaching, our CFA brigades are in desperate need of appliances that are fit for purpose in order to protect our volunteer firefighters and to protect our communities," Ms Cleeland said.

"As we approach summer, we have seen a string of bad decisions by this Government when it comes to fire management. This includes a lack of planned burns, the closing of the sustainable native timber

industry, and a reduction in 6,500 operational CFA volunteers since 2015.

"History has shown the only time this Government shows an interest in resourcing rural brigades is after tragic fire events.

"We simply cannot afford to leave it too late this time." Ms Cleeland has invited any local brigades to meet with her ahead of the high fire danger period, with the local member eager to ensure that the dedicated volunteers who put their lives on the line for our community have their voices heard.

**Ms Cleeland can be reached at Annabelle.cleeland@parliament.vic.gov.au or by calling her office at (03) 5762 1600.**



### Phone signal problems?

### Internet dropping out?



Please let us know your stories.

The district association is collecting examples of the frustrations our local community continues to have with connectivity.

Next year, we will be putting in a concerted effort to bring this to the attention of all levels of government. Please send your stories to [info@redesdale.net](mailto:info@redesdale.net) or post them into the

Bridge Connection mailbox at the Redesdale hall.



# Redesdale & Surrounds Comming Events

## December

Sun: 24th Christmas Eve

Mon: 25th Christmas Day

Tues: 26th Boxing Day

## February

Sat: 10th Being Heart Smart (page 8)

Thur: 29th Protect your farm (page 9)

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<b>Clunes.</b>	Local Farmers Market 2nd Sunday each month.	8.30 - 1.00pm
<b>Creswick.</b>	Local Farmers Market 3rd Saturday every month.	9.00 - 1.00pm
<b>Daylesford.</b>	Local Market. Every Sunday.	8.00 - 3.00pm
<b>Gisborne.</b>	Olde Time Market. 1st Sunday every month.	9.00. - 2.00pm
<b>Kyneton.</b>	Local Farmers Market. 2nd Saturday every month.	8.30 - 1.00pm
<b>Lancefield.</b>	Local Farmers Market. 4th Saturday every month.	9.00 - 1.00pm
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<b>Woodend.</b>	Local Farmers Market 1st Saturday every month.	9.00 - 1.00 pm

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

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**Redesdale 36.80mm Year to date 378.40mm**

**Mia Mia 51.75mm Year to date 448.15mm**

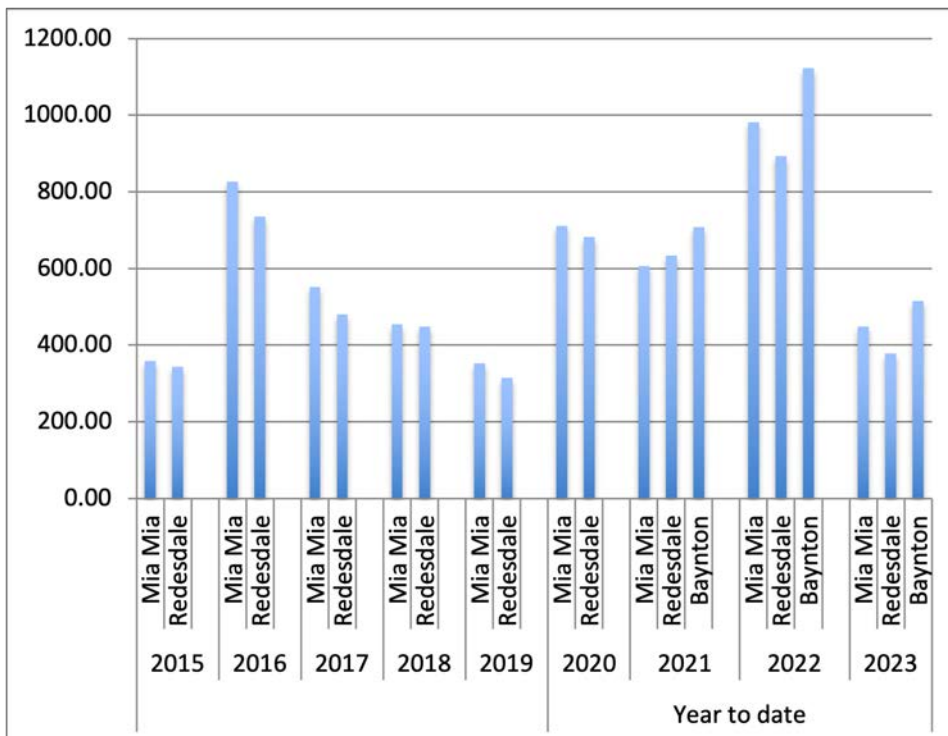
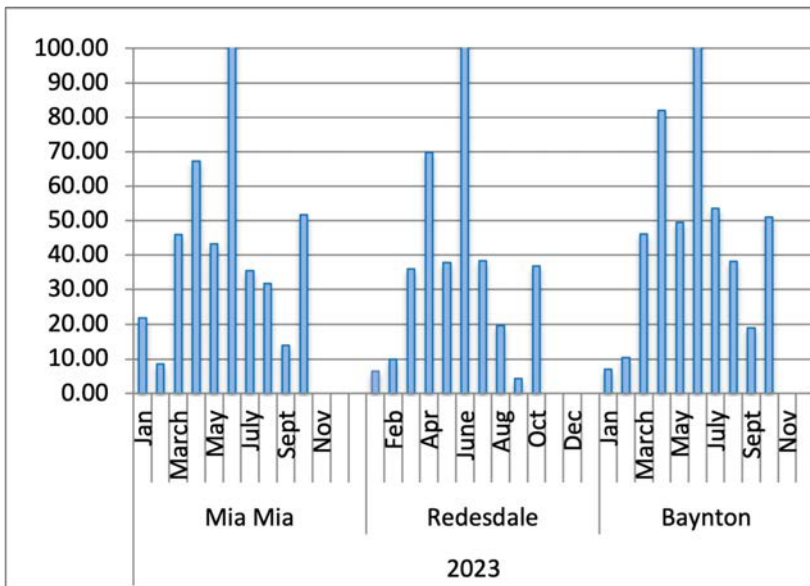
**Baynton 51.00mm Year to date 515.80mm**

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

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

## Year Totals for Previous Years

<b>2017</b>	Mia Mia	551.75
	Redesdale	479.60
<b>2018</b>	Mia Mia	455.00
	Redesdale	448.40
<b>2019</b>	Mia Mia	352.00
	Redesdale	315.00
<b>2020</b>	Mia Mia	711.25
	Redesdale	682.85
<b>2021</b>	Mia Mia	593.50
	Redesdale	634.40
	Baynton	707.80
<b>2022</b>	Mia Mia	981.50
	Redesdale	894.00
	Baynton	1122.30



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Banana Cake

80



This is the easiest cake you will ever make.  
Very old bananas or frozen ones can be used  
Simply place uneaten fruit in freezer and take out and defrost  
when ready to bake cake.

2 ½ cups self-rising flour  
1 teaspoon bicarb soda  
1 cup castor sugar  
4 eggs lightly beaten  
2 ½ cups mashed banana  
(5 large very ripe bananas)  
200grams chopped walnuts (optional)  
1 cup oil any sort (I always use olive oil)  
Beat together all ingredients.  
Bake in a slow oven (160) for approx.  
1 ½ hours. Cake is cooked when firm to touch.

#### Icing

100g cream cheese  
60g butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon apricot jam  
2 cups sifted icing sugar  
Beat all together and ice the cake when it is cold.

Alternative icing is a simple icing sugar with lemon juice as per picture

**Marisa Leahy**

## Knitting & Crochet GROUP



Get back to  
Knitting or  
Crochet...

- Learn new techniques
- Learn to knit or crochet
- Possible knitting and crocheting for charity.

**Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm  
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If you are interested in joining please contact:  
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**Dec 10th Metcalfe 10 am**

**Dec 17th Carol Service @ Sutton Grange 7pm**

**Sutton Grange Services start at 9.30 am,  
Metcalfe at 10 am with morning tea before.**

**Minister Munchies is on Wednesday and starts at  
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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Redesdale 2nd Sunday of each month 11am**

You are warmly invited to

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REDESDALE MIA MIA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# REDESDALE MIA-MIA PLAY GROUP

**TUESDAYS**  
9:15 AM - 11

FUN SOCIAL GATHERING FOR LOCAL FAMILIES.

All parents, young children and babies welcome.  
Redesdale MM Playgroup is registered with  
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Held weekly at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School.

For more info email:  
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## December Kitchen Garden Action



Asian Greens e.g. Bok Choy - PS (Plant Seedling)

Basil- PS or SD

Beans – French, climbing bush and runner, PS

Beetroot PS

Broccoli – (PS)

Brussels Sprout – PS

Cabbage – PS

Cantaloupes - PS

Chinese Cabbage -PS

Capsicum/Chilli - PS

Carrot – SD

Cauliflower – PS

Celery –PS

Cress - PS

Chilli - PS

Chives – SD or PS

Cucumber –SD

Eggplant/Aubergine – PS

Kohlrabi – SD

Leek -PS

Lettuce – SD/PS

Melons – PS

Mustards - SD

Okra – PS

Parsley -PS

Parsnips - SD

Potatoes – SD

Pumpkin – SD

Radish – SD

Rosella –SD

Salsify -PS

Silverbeet – SD/PS

Spring Onions - PS

Sweet Corn – PS

Sweet Potato

Tomatoes –PS

Turnip =PS

Zucchini – PS

**PS - Plant Seedling**

**SD - Sow Direct**

**ST - Seedling Tray**

Continue to check mulch levels on beds and pots and top up where thinning, as it will be rotting down quickly now.

Mulch helps to keep the soil moist and cool.

Weed and water regularly, particularly plants in containers and grow bags.

Tie peas to frames.

Plant Sunflowers

Net brassicas and cabbages to protect them from white cabbage moths.

Place pheromone traps for codling moth in apple and pear trees.

Stone fruit, especially peach and pear trees will need "Blood and Bone", manure or similar organic fertiliser, spread over their roots.

Don't forget to water before and after.

Mulch and deeply water your raspberries now as the fruit is forming.

Feed asparagus with a general purpose fertiliser once you have finished harvesting spears. Don't cut them down until autumn.

Encourage pollinators into you kitchen garden with plants such as cosmos, alyssum & cleome, borage and marigolds.

**Keep planting your summer flowering perennials**

**Happy early summer planting  
in your kitchen garden**

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# Summer Community Get-together

## Community BBQ and Sausage Sizzle

It was delightful to see so many people rock up for the community BBQ on Sunday Dec 3rd. Locals of every age enjoyed the great setting and terrific weather. We had babies, toddlers, and small children spilling onto the oval and adults young and old chatting about how good it was to see new faces and catch up with old ones. People were exchanging phone numbers and email addresses all over the place! We had people volunteering to help all the committees and there were a number of suggestions for next year's community plan.

After listening to the feedback, we will be holding another in the New Year. Keep your eyes on the noticeboard for details – and please spread the word around the community and let's keep the momentum going!



*L - R Mark Laurie, Robin Abromoski, Gary Prendergast and Jo Smith Sargent*



*Some members of Local playgroup*



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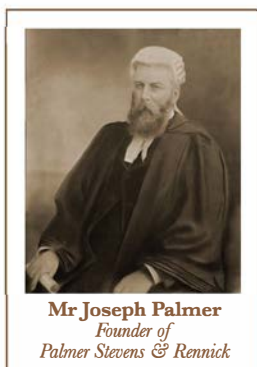
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