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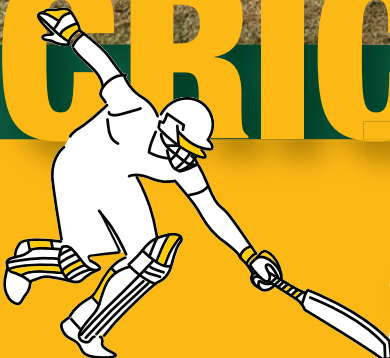
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Editorial

Hello Readers!

So much has been happening in Redesdale and Mia Mia during March and readers will notice that there is even more happening in April. The four community sausage sizzles held on Sundays at the Redesdale pavilion have been a great success and a chance to chat to many new residents in the area. We've had a heart awareness session, a community market and an outdoor cinema event. In April we have a school working bee, and a CPR training session, and the COGB are also holding a flood recovery BBQ in Redesdale (see page 18). All the details can be found in this edition

As I write this, we are all enjoying some refreshing rain after two months of hot dry weather. What a relief! I think most of us agree that although we are busy with the new school year, autumn is a wonderful season in our precious landscape.



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Hi all. Just a timely reminder that with the milder weather it's a great time of year to be outside and a great time for outdoor dining but have you checked your LPG connections.

I recently replaced a gas bottle on my Pizza Oven and did the right thing by pouring a couple of litres of soapy water over the connection. This could have been simpler and less messy if I had just gone to the fire station and picked up a trigger operated gas leak detector. These are free of charge and available to all community members. Contact me or call around on a Sunday mornings to receive this or any of our fire prevention information packs. We also have plenty of little red fire fighters helmets for the kids.

The recent Labour Day long weekend was a real success for the brigade with many worthwhile contacts made from a wide range of community members. The outdoor cinema was well attended and the market was a great way to meet people, especially the younger generation through having a ride in the little red truck or operating the hose line with our Captain Mitchell. We are always looking for members and you don't have to be a "Fire-fighter " to be a Fire-fighter. There are many jobs within the brigade that don't involve going out on the truck. We do community engagement, fund-raising, catering and are there to support local events. We are currently seeking a station crew to do the all important cleaning and maintenance around the fire shed. If you are interested please get in touch.

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Regards **Andrew Campbell**

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We are 'Yarn Bombing' Redesdale in June 2024, to coincide with

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if we have enough help. Are you interested in joining us?

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Redesdale Yarners

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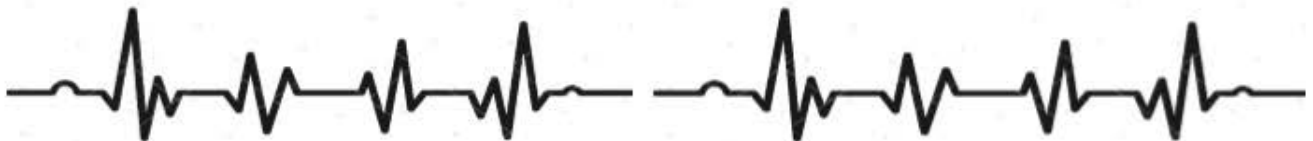


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CONNECTIVITY

Phone and internet connectivity is a major problem for many of our residents. It is a health and safety matter as well as a business and well-being issue. Annabelle Cleeland, our State member for Euroa has voiced her support for our attempts to win recognition for our problems in this area. Many residents have spent a great deal of their own money trying to improve their signals.

It is important to have examples of these lived experiences when petitioning various levels of government for assistance with this problem. Lived experience examples carry weight.

We have received 4 excellent letters from the community, including from the CFA, outlining the importance of adequate communication channels.

We need more.

Please address your letters to info@redesdale.net by email, or by hard copy into the Bridge Connection drop box at the hall.

Telecommunications must be considered critical infrastructure

Nationals Member for Euroa Annabelle Cleeland has stressed the need for telecommunications to be considered as critical infrastructure, meeting with the Minister for Government Services to advocate to Federal Government.

After power outages left residents throughout the Euroa electorate without access to phone service, Ms Cleeland said it was integral that telecommunications were regulated and strengthened under federal laws like the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (SoCI).

“Strengthening our telecommunications infrastructure is an essential step to ensuring residents are not left without access to their phones during emergencies such as power outages, floods, and fires,” Ms Cleeland said.

“With so many emergency response measures, such as CFA or SES notifications and evacuation messages, now being carried out through text messages, it is critical that telecommunications infrastructure can withstand actual emergencies.

“I have met with the Minister to discuss the importance of this and have been assured that this will be followed up with Federal Ministers tasked with this responsibility.

” Battery and energy backups, cybersecurity, and reliable service are just some of the areas that could be strengthened by including telecommunications in the SoCI, where it would join other essential services such as banking and finance, government, communications, energy, food and grocery, health, transport, and water.



“Mobile phone reception is undeniably critical infrastructure in today's world, serving as the primary connector between individuals and emergency services,” Ms Cleeland said.

“During crises such as natural disasters or accidents, reliable mobile reception is essential for emergency response coordination, dissemination of vital information, and enabling individuals to call for help or assistance.

“We cannot stand by and hear of another emergency where someone was unable to call for help or receive warnings about nearby bushfires.”

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 or post them into the

Bridge Connection mailbox at the Redesdale hall.



Redesdale & Surrounds Comming Events

Ballan	Local Farmers and Makers Market. 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 Market 2nd Sunday each month.	8.30 - 1.00pm
Creswick.	Local Farmers Market 3rd 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
Talbot.	Local Farmers Market. 3rd Sunday every month.	9.00 - 1.00pm
Trentham.	Local Farmers Market. 3rd Saturday every month.	9.00 - 1.00pm
Woodend.	Local Farmers Market 1st Saturday every month.	9.00 - 1.00 pm

April

Sun: 7th - Daylight Saving ends @ 2am move clocks back 1 hr

Thur: 11th Folk Blues Show Mia Mia Hall

Thur: 18th Flood Recovery BBQ -, City of Greater Bendigo have arranged a free Flood Recovery BBQ for all residents to attend. Flood Recovery staff and engineers will be there to answer any questions you may have. **See page 18.** poster for all details

Sat 20th CPR Training Session - Take this great opportunity to learn/refresh how to perform CPR. **See page 10.** for all details.

Sun 21st 9-12 School Working Bee. Morning Tea supplied.

Thur 25th ANZAC Day Service's @ Heathcote 10am and Sutton Grange 11am

May

Thur 23rd 10-12.30 Aust Biggest Morning Tea.

June

Sat 1st 10.30-12.30 Clean Up Redesdale

October

Sat- Sun 19th 20th
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Grilled Vegetable Platter



- 2 eggplants sliced into ½ cm rings
- 4 zucchinis sliced lengthways
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 2 red onions cut into 8 sections
- 2 red capsicums
- 1 bunch rocket
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic finely chopped
- 3 table spoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl place the sliced eggplants and zucchini, add garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper, Toss well. Heat up the grill section of the b-b-q, making sure it is hot.

Place the capsicums on the grill and cook till the skin blackens. Remove and place in a bowl.

Place the vegies on the grill and cook till the black lines are very marked. It will be hot and smokey. Remove and place in a separate bowl. Now do the same with the asparagus and onions.

Clean the skins and seeds from the capsicums, do not rinse as this takes away most of the flavour. Cut into strips.

On a large platter arrange the rocket and all the vegetables. Drizzle with the balsamic vinegar. Best served at room temperature.

Marisa Leahy

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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

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Parsley – SD

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Spinach

Spring Onions - PS thickly in wide drills

Turnips

Winter lettuce

Dribble liquid manure around leafy veg.

There is 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 a harvest glut

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.

Watch out for snails and slugs as they love the cool moist atmosphere of April.

Check brassicas for caterpillars, following the plague of white butterflies.

Citrus harvest is approaching so some maintenance is required for your trees to be in optimal shape.

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Redesdale Community Market – a Great Success!

The Agnes Mudford Reserve was alive with activity on Sunday 10th March with the Redesdale Community Market.

With over 30 stall-holders displaying such a wide array of wares, there was something for everybody. Products included plants and flowers, handcrafted jewellery, clothing, produce and preserves, pet health products, bric-a-brac, and a large variety of pre-loved household goods. The CFA display was kept busy showing curious attendees (and stall-holders!) the equipment used to keep our community safe, while the Campaspe Landcare stall helped advise on land and plant management.

Being held in the morning meant that the predicted hot weather and afternoon high temperatures were avoided. This allowed a steady stream of customers to wander around the stalls – enjoying their egg & bacon roll, donut, ice cream and coffee – and purchasing whatever caught their eye.

Thanks goes out to all of the stall holders and visitors for their support, and for making the return of the Redesdale Community Market such a great success!

Craig Newton





FREE

FLOOD RECOVERY EVENT

Community BBQ in Redesdale

Thursday April 18, 4pm-7pm

Community members from Redesdale and surrounds are invited to a free BBQ on Thursday April 18 at the Redesdale Community Pavilion, Redesdale Recreation Reserve, 2631 Kyneton-Redesdale Road, Redesdale, 4pm-7pm.

City of Greater Bendigo flood recovery staff and engineers will be available for any questions, as well as representatives from other agencies.



FEET

Expressions of interest!

Feedback please!

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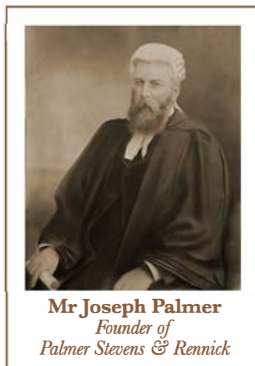
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