

AGM – October 14, 2023

Opening of meeting – Pan Prendergast

“On this milestone day we pay our respects to all First Nation people and acknowledge Elders past and present”.

Meeting commenced at 11.32am.

Welcome to the 11th Redesdale and District Association AGM.

I would like to welcome our

- Chairperson
- Office Bearers
- Committee members, General Members and Association Members.
- Residents of Redesdale.

Apologies – Anne Murray, Regina Bennett, Megan Stewart

You will see an attendance sheet being handed around. We would appreciate you signing in for our records.

Previous AGM Minutes

The last RaDA AGM was held on November 12, 2022. A copy of these minutes has been forwarded to all committee members. Due to our time restraints these will not be read out at this meeting. I would like to propose a motion that these minutes be accepted as true and accurate of this meeting.

Moved by?: RA

Seconded? JS

Representatives Reports

CFA Report – Craig Newton – sent electronically and read out aloud.

Bridge Connection Report – Lin Newton – sent electronically and read out aloud.

RRRC – Craig Newton – sent electronically and read out aloud.

Landcare – Barbara James – sent electronically and read out aloud.

Stone Reserve – Kathy Hall – sent electronically and read out aloud.

Financial Report – 2022 - 2023

The Financial Report has been sent electronically prior to this meeting and therefore will not be read out during this meeting.

Can someone please move and second this report is accepted as true and accurate.

Moved by? : FL

Seconded?: BJ

Outgoing Presidents Report

As the current President, I would like to review our achievements since our last AGM and our future proposed events.

November

During the State election, RaDA, CFA, RRRC and the Hall Committee held a sausage sizzle for the purpose of raising money for a new battery and replacement pads for the community defib machine. This event raised \$ 245.34. RaDA currently holds \$ 222.94 in the Defib account for on-going maintenance.

During a recent conversation with Heathcote Bendigo Bank it was suggested the community requests a sponsorship for on-going replacement/maintenance for the local defib.

April

Redesdale Clean Up was organised by RaDA with support offered by committee members and a few local residents. We hope this will continue to be an annual event with growing interest shown by the community to keep our town clean.

June

Redesdale's Biggest Morning Tea was held in the Redesdale Community Hall and hosted by RRRC along with support from RaDA. Our initial target goal of \$500.00 was well and truly surpassed with \$2,400.00 raised for the Cancer Council of Australia. Thanks to all who assisted in projector and table set up requirements, photo slide show, supplying baked goods and plants for sale on the day and baked goods for the morning tea. Our special thanks go to Tanya from "Capture Your Essence" for offering her time to do a demo on chair yoga, Marye – Maiaveda Retreat – Kyneton for her generous gift certificate, and our guest speaker – Frederika Laurie. I think everyone will agree this morning tea was a great success for a worthy cause and plans are already in place to continue raising awareness and funding next year.

August

"Cleeland Cuppa" was held at the Redesdale Community Hall inviting residents to meet our federal member Euroa – Annabelle Cleeland. Residents were able to have one on one chats with Annabelle and also receive assistance with obtaining power rebates. Sadly, attendance was low, but RaDA and Annabelle Cleeland will continue their close working relationship.

Our thanks go to Kym De Lany for her efforts on the FRRR grant submission for the Redesdale Trivia Night scheduled early 2024. Unfortunately we were not successful with our submission, and this event will be placed back on RaDA's agenda to explore other possibilities.

I would also like to thank Megan Stewart for her continued work on updating our Redesdale.net website and streamlining our social media platforms.

It should be mentioned that all three community groups – RaDA, RRRC and The Bridge Connection committees have financially contributed to the new curtains and blinds that you can now see installed in the Redesdale Community Hall. Our thanks go to the Greater City of Bendigo for accepting our grant submission request for \$2000.00

September,

Listening Post morning tea with Eppalock Ward Councillors – Margaret O'Rourke and Greg Penna was held in the Redesdale Community Hall. A few local residents attended this morning tea and RaDA appreciates the Bendigo Councillor's on-going support.

Future Plans

“Welcome to summer” sausage sizzle has been proposed for early December. RaDA is current applying for sponsorship from Heathcote Bendigo Bank to allow this to be a free event for all Redesdale residents. The purpose of this event is to allow everyone enjoy a social gathering and obtain feedback from our community on what they would like to see included in the Redesdale Community Plan which will be reviewed early 2024.

Since becoming President 4 years ago I have seen that EVERYONE on the RaDA committee has shown dedication and commitment towards the well-being of our town. Despite everyone having busy lives, they are still committed to help improve and re-engage our community.

As a group of like-minded people it’s the purpose of the Redesdale and District Association to continue its’ original mission statement. We have the right people to try and make any event (big or small) a success. Thank you to everyone who has generously volunteered their time, skills and talents.

I am more that grateful for their commitment to our Association and wish to highlight, as everyone knows, that volunteering definitely does serve the people in our community.

My personal thanks to our patient, problem solving secretary, Lin Newton. Her attention to detail and time management skills has made it easy for me to be president. She definitely holds the award for multi-tasking and she has a flair for championing a team ethic.

Also thanks to our terrific treasurer, Robin Abramowski, who does the job quietly and without complaint, in between being a farmer’s super wife and grandmother of the decade. (they are both volunteers that don’t necessarily have the time, but have the heart).

- The topic that seems to surround the efforts of our community groups is highly sensitive, so as always it needs to be treated with proper discretion. As I understand, one of the aims of the Redesdale and District Association is to bring awareness and potential business to Redesdale, to strive for progress, not perfection.
- I read, great minds discuss ideas and events, small minds discuss people and rumours and are carried by haters, spread by fools and accepted by idiots.
- Our key to surviving as a small group of volunteers is not to live in the past. Redesdale and District Association wants to proceed with community choices that will strengthen the positives in our small town.
- I have enjoyed being the Redesdale and District’s President for the past 4 years, but it’s now time to step aside.

Thank you to the RRRC for the use of the Community Pavilion over the past year and their on-going support.

My thanks to the super farmer Chairman – Mike Abramowski – for his time and presence today. Thanks for listening.

At this point, I will now announce that all committee positions are vacant and I will hand over to our chairperson – Mike Abramowski to run the election process.

Mike

Nominations have been received prior to this meeting and the nominations are as follows:-

President **Kathy Hall**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? PP Seconded?: KDL

Vice President **Pan Prendergast**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? RG Seconded?: RA

Secretary **Lin Newton**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? PP Seconded?: FL

Treasurer **Frederika Laurie**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? CN Seconded?: JS

Bridge Connection Rep **Regina Bennett**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? PP Seconded?: KH

CFA Rep **Craig Newton**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? PP Seconded?: BJ

RRRC Rep **Craig Newton**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved? FL Seconded?: RG

Landcare Rep **Barbara James**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved: PP Seconded?: JS

Stone Reserve Rep **Kathy Hall**

Are there any other nominations?

All those in favour? All

Moved: ? BJ Seconded ? : CN

Ordinary Committee Member **Kym De Lany**

All those in favour? All

Moved: ? RA Seconded?: JS

Ordinary Committee Member **Anne Murray**

All those in favour? All

Moved: ? JS_ Seconded?: RA

Ordinary Committee Member **Robin Abramowski**

All those in favour? All

Moved: ? CN Seconded? : FL

Ordinary Committee Member **Jo Sargent Smith**

All those in favour? All

Moved ? : JS Seconded? : RA

Mike..... I will now hand the meeting back to the RaDA President.....

Acceptance speech as President of RADA October 2023

Thank you all for putting your confidence in me to chair this dynamic committee. I know a bit about what it takes as I will follow in the footsteps of good friends Jo Smith-Sargent, Gloria Pocock and Pan Prendergast. I also know a bit about what an enormous job Lin does as secretary of RADA having started in this position in 2012 and finished 6 years later. As everyone understands, “secretary” of this kind of organisation is really a misnomer. The secretary acts more as a CEO.

We have some big tasks ahead of us and I know we will tackle them with EEEEs and by this I mean the four Es: eagerness, energy, enthusiasm and enterprise - but not forgetting CIC: communication, inclusion and consultation.

In 2018, I confess I suffered a bit of “burn out”. I was secretary of RADA, co-editor of Bridge Connection and dealing with family health issues and a little toddler. So I needed to step back. But I am very happy to say that things have improved, and I am really looking forward to working in a team again, especially this team!

They are big shoes to fill, so I want to say a big thank you to Pan for her great leadership over the last, very challenging, few years.

General Business

I would now like to confirm the AGM for 2023 – 2024 finished at: 12 noon.

