

Hill 'n' Ridge Community Newsletter



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WHAT'S ON

- MEN'S SHED** Tues / Wed mornings
- Ladies Group** Tues afternoon

NOVEMBER

- 6 RED HILL MARKET
- 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER

- 1 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE erected in Red Hill
- 4 RED HILL MARKET
- 11 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 10-4:30
See attached leaflet
Followed by BYO Community Picnic

JANUARY

- 1 RED HILL MARKET

Deadline for Issue 78 DECEMBER 1

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Include events for January, February, March 2022

RED HILL FIRE STATION UPGRADE WELL UNDER WAY

Under the guidance of Red Hill Fire Brigade 1st Lieutenant, Sam Norris and his company Brynor Constructions, extensions and renovations to the Red Hill fire station being undertaken by brigade member tradespeople are well underway.

The extension to the front of the building will increase the ceiling height ready to accommodate larger and higher C type dual cab tankers likely to replace the current D type tankers over the next few years. The extension to the side of the building will create a new area to house firefighting turnout gear in compliance with OHS requirements.

"All our members wanted to help on the project but having to abide by Covid restrictions we've only been allowed to have five volunteers working on site at any time. After brigade member Neil Farnsworth did the excavations it's been tradesmen like Darrel and Ernie Setter, Simon Reilly and myself, supported by site labourers David Breadmore and Martin Gallon, who have put their own jobs aside to work on the station project on Fridays and Saturdays," Sam said.

The station renovation project has been made possible through the generous support of Red Hill residents and local building suppliers. In addition, a luncheon held in February 2020 organised by Sam Coverdale and Emma Phillips, the proprietors Many Little Restaurant (and Polperro), raised \$215,000 for the Red Hill Fire Brigade.

"Once the lockdown on the building industry is lifted we'll be back in action on Fridays and Saturdays and we expect to have the project completed in December, just in time for the summer fire season," Sam said.



Community Bank
Rye, Rosebud and Dromana



Hill'n'Ridge wishes our community a happy, safe and joyous festive season
Editorial Team



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Australia has one of the worst wildlife extinction rates in the world. Every day there are fewer places left that wildlife can call home. Loss of habitat on the Mornington Peninsula is a serious concern for many people and there are organisations that allow them to convert their concern into action. For example, in 2006 it was such a significant concern to Daniel Brindley that he played a key role in getting a group of like-minded citizens* together to set up the Habitat Restoration Fund (HRF). It aims to protect and restore natural ecosystems.

‘NATIVE BIRDS AND ANIMALS NEED GOOD HOMES TOO’

Having grown up on the family property in the middle of Greens Bush, and being mentored by dedicated environmentalists, it is no surprise that Dan Brindley was inspired to establish a hands-on organisation that could play a role in the preservation, protection and maintenance of the natural environment. The driving force for Dan and his HRF colleagues to act is the strongly held belief that ‘native birds and animals need good homes too’.

Now, 15 years later, Dan still sees a lot to be done. But he can also look back on significant projects that have been undertaken by HRF and achieved great results. The Habitat Restoration Fund has been instrumental in having projects undertaken on 100 private properties as well as projects in National Parks, Government owned land and Council owned land. As well as doing projects on the Mornington Peninsula the HRF has extended its operations into East Gippsland to do recovery work after the recent devastating bushfires.

“Through private philanthropy and government grants HRF has raised about \$1 million over the years and by using professional environmental contractors alongside volunteers we have leveraged that sum to create restoration work to the value of about \$3 million. In doing this work we estimate that we have improved the habitat for 170 species of wildlife,” Dan said.

The key enemies in all their work are weed invasion and animal predation. Prevalent weeds include sweet pittosporum, boneseed, and sallow wattle, blackberries, ragwort and spear thistle. The most serious predators are foxes and cats. HRF projects usually include action to remove weeds, revegetate corridors, and reconnect fragmented ecosystems, repair wetlands and river ecosystems.

Dan Brindley served as the inaugural Chairman of Main Creek Landcare from 2005 to 2010 so he knows all about the good work that Landcare groups carry out. “Landcare does terrific work but often a lack of funding does not allow for the ongoing maintenance of the areas where they do their good environmental work. A key objective of HRF is to provide long term maintenance and legal protection of projects to ensure long lasting positive impacts,” he said.

Describing some local examples will give a good idea of the kind of projects undertaken by HRF. A classic example is the property called ‘Boogoolum’ in Main Ridge, Dan’s family property when he was growing up. Starting in 1989, restoration work on this 70 acre property was one of the original inspirations for the creation of HRF. The project saw a transformation from degraded grazing paddocks to full wetland



The bird hide on the main wetland at Boologum is used for guided

and bushland habitat. Having won an award and later becoming surrounded by Greens Bush National Park it is an amazing example of what can be achieved. HRF has continued to work on this property helping with habitat restoration, wetland habitat creation and revegetation.

One of HRF’s first projects in 2006 was restoring the forest in Waterholes Creek in Red Hill South.



With a history of logging and cattle grazing the forest and creek-line had become infested with weeds. Through the gradual removal of weeds, followed by small burns and revegetation, the forest has been brought back to pristine condition. It is now an award winning project and the subject of University studies. Native animals in this precinct include the powerful owl, horse fields bronze cuckoo, echidnas, wedge tailed eagle (breeding pair), sugar gliders and microbats. One of HRF’s current projects is to raise awareness of secondary poisoning in owls and other birds of prey from the widespread use of second generation rat baits.

More recently, in 2018, HRF started helping owners of a 40 acre property in Shoreham to remove weeds from the hills and creek-line. The owners, who grew up on the Peninsula, wanted to conserve what is left of the bush for themselves and future generations.



Powerful Owl at Stoney Creek in Shoreham

To become a member of Habitat Restoration Fund, make a financial contribution or seek their help with a project go to their website for more information. Just google Habitat Restoration Fund. Benefits of being an HRF member include helping to restore and maintain threatened habitat, visitation opportunities to walk in restored areas, or visit works in progress, and generally keeping up with environmental happenings.

- RB.

**HRF has had 12 directors since inception with original members Dan Brindley and Michael Napthali still serving.*



News from your elected advocate for Red Hill Ward - Cr. David Gill.

Thank you for managing the lockdown restrictions and helping to keep our community safe. Hopefully the coming weeks will enable us to return to a more normal existence.

A great community outcome for our **Mobile Library Bus Service**. It will continue but using a 'fit for purpose' smaller vehicle. This van will access more locations and bring the service closer to those most in need of a library service and resultant social interaction. The 'Dial a Book' drop off service will also continue. Thank you to all who raised their voices about this issue.

The controversial **Shire Public Garden Policy** is under review. Your input and suggestions are vital in shaping a community friendly policy that encourages users to create gardens to enhance streetscapes and encourage participation.

The **bitumen path in Red Hill South** came as a surprise to everyone including me. A review has taken place and it is likely to be removed. It seems that old plans were used leading to neighbourhood character not being assessed before the works were commenced.

Our community takes **wildlife and indigenous vegetation** concerns very seriously and is hopeful that Council invests adequate resources into real protections. To do this it is essential to have a local listing of vulnerable species before they become threatened or locally extinct. This first step is sadly neglected in Victoria. Council could be a leader in this field. Working with our community we can make a difference by listing and advocating for the protection of many local species including koalas, echidnas, kangaroos and sea dragons before it is too late to sustain their viability on the Peninsula.

There has been a citizen count of kangaroos on the Peninsula using *the app /scientist* methodology. The result of the count is that there are about 2000 kangaroos which is no-where near the State Government estimate of 8,000. Licences to shoot kangaroos are easy to obtain adding to the fears of the long term viability of local kangaroos.

Hoon driving particularly in the Arthurs Seat area creates much concern about safety and noise. Council does not have enforcement power but can help by

advocating on your behalf. Please keep a record of incidents, forward to Council and cc me in.

Contacting the police and local MP Chris Brayne directly should be the first action taken.

I support informal **bike jumps for kids** but operationally Council will continue to remove them on complaint because of the potential risk factor. Our community can ask for appropriate local areas to be set aside and safety issues discussed with infrastructure officers. Our budding 'engineers' learn so much in the building process and are exercising during our repeated shutdowns. Your feedback to Councillors and Officers can make a difference.

With **Climate Change** comes issues of sea level rise. Planning and building permits around our Coastline are under increasing scrutiny. Not the least because of the risk of losing access to our beaches. Governments should be discussing these long term, generational issues.

Hopefully the best site for a centrally located **strategic fire-fighting water tank** has been finalised by now. There has been much discussion about the location for use by our CFA volunteers.

VicRoads under the new name of Department of Transport (DoT) is softening its stance on **speed limits** by considering the factors that have our Shire among the highest municipality road tolls in Victoria. Thank you to the many concerned residents who have helped with advocacy for increased road safety and better roads around Red Hill and Main Ridge.

Unused public land such as easements in neighbourhood areas is in demand to help bring our community together. The next step is for policy development to enable these areas to be utilised as public open spaces and gardens. Your **feedback** is welcome.

With **State and Federal elections** looming, local organisations have a great opportunity to advocate to politicians for community projects. Now is the time to start – big or small projects often receive election promises.

My role includes helping to ensure these promises are delivered.

Thank you to our **volunteers** who work in bushland and foreshore reserves to help retain habitat for wildlife and also to our

wildlife carers who come out at all hours to pick up injured animals and look after them until released.

Please contact me if you would like to assist and I will help you make contact with these wonderful people.

Next year is the **centennial for the Red Hill Show** and hopefully by then we will have found a way to ensure parking space is always available on nearby land. Without the generosity of local farmers for major events, such as our markets and the show, these events would not be possible.

Another centennial event will be held in December this year marking 100 years since the completion of the former **Balnarring to Red Hill train line**. Hopefully restrictions will be lifted enough for this get together to go ahead.

Thank you for your feedback on **Planning Scheme amendment C219**. The proposal is to introduce enhanced neighbourhood character provisions into the planning scheme. Feedback has generally been supportive however some aspects are still being questioned. As always, the devil can be in the detail. There are preliminary discussions that have been happening and then the amendment goes into the official process, which includes your written submissions, before the Planning Minister considers the amendment. One of the intended outcomes is for less planning permit application requirements and therefore less delays. However in some cases planning appeals will be available to applicants but not objectors where building surveyor permits only are required.

I'd like your feedback on **Green Waste bins** especially now that there is a food waste component being gradually introduced. Unfortunately the service is almost completely restricted to residential areas which often leaves burning off as a first option in many rural parts of the Shire. I am very keen to expand the service which would be in line with the Towards Zero carbon emissions policy of Council.

Congratulations to our **Lions Club** for their **Community Christmas plans**. This is a very welcome sign of a hopeful return to normality.

Regards,

David. david.gill@mornpen.vic.gov.au

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Saturday December 11 10am - 4:30pm

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Join in the fun...

- Hand-made decorations
- Any kind of tree
- Represent your club or organisation
- Enter as a group or an individual
- Table or door décor
- Express your creativity!



*Come along, visit the festival,
support your local community*





Red Hill District Lions Christmas Tree Festival

ENTRY FORM

Closing date December 4/2021



Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Organisation _____

CATEGORY: Please circle one from A and one from B

A	Christmas Tree	Door Decor	Other – please specify

B	Traditional	Environmental	Reflecting Community Group	Business	Art/Craft	Children and Youth	Red Hill Theme

Please circle:

SECTION: Individual Community Group

AGE SECTION: Preschool Primary School Secondary School Open

ENTRY FEE: \$5:00 per entry

Payable to
Red Hill District Lions Activity Account BSB 633-000 Account 137 451 753
Identifier: initial, surname/ Christmas Tree Festival

PLEASE TICK

I will collect my entry between 4:30 & 5:00pm on December 11.

Signed: _____

I give permission for _____ to enter the Christmas Tree Festival

Signed Parental consent to enter if under 15 _____

*Red Hill community Christmas a collaboration between Red Hill District Lions Club
Red Hill Gardening Society and St Georges Church
For further information contact redhillviciions@gmail.com*

Return to redhillviciions@gmail.com or P.O. Box 72 Red Hill South 3936

COMMUNITY PICNIC



BYO

Bring along a rug, food & drinks
or purchase from the

- Lions BBQ trailer
 - Little Olive Coffee Cart
- Come along to share in some camaraderie with your community.

All welcome



It would be appreciated if you could indicate your likely attendance by contacting

redhillvictions@gmail.com

so that we have some idea of attendance.



UNFORTUNATELY CAROLS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
DUE TO COVID CONCERNS

SIGNIFICANT CFA ROLE FOR DAVID BREADMORE

David Breadmore, 1st Lieutenant with the Red Hill Fire Brigade, has been elected Group Officer for the Western Port Fire Brigades Group. The Group comprises 13 fire brigades and a Coast Guard Fire Brigade Unit. It involves 650 volunteer professional firefighters with a group footprint stretching from Langwarrin in the north to Shoreham in the south. The Group Officer reports to the Assistant Chief Fire Officer for CFA District 8, South East Region.

This position, which is responsible for the security and operational responses of participating brigades, does not change hands very often. Delegates from the participating brigades elected David Breadmore to succeed David Gibbs, a Hastings solicitor, who held the position for 32 years.

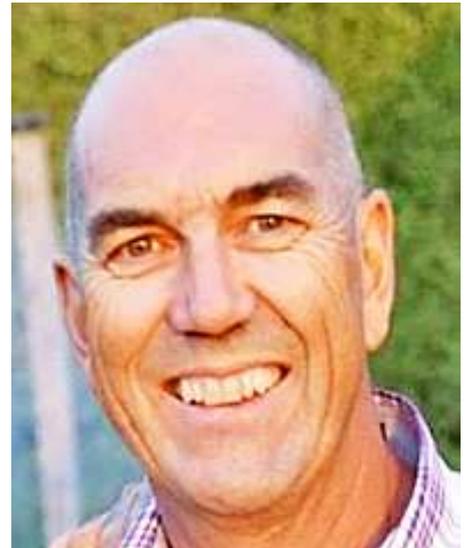
David, a resident of Red Hill, first joined the CFA at Mt Macedon in 1996 before becoming a member of the Rye Fire

Brigade in 2003. He moved to Red Hill in 2009 and joined the Red Hill Brigade in the same year, becoming a member of the brigade management team in 2010. He was Deputy Group Officer with the Western Port Group from 2013 to 2015 and again in 2017.

He undertakes the Group Officer duties in addition to holding a full time job.

"There is a lot going on at present. With the review of fire services in Victoria, the Covid pandemic and the upcoming fire season I'm keeping very busy. I'm spending at least two hours a day, seven days a week, a lot of video conferencing occurs in the evenings. But I am honoured to hold the position, the first time a Red Hill Brigade member has been elevated to this role," he said.

Local brigade captains at Red Hill and Main Ridge have welcomed David's appointment.



David Breadmore

Asphalt Path Appears in Red Hill

An asphalt path recently installed across the Red Hill Community Park has caused concerns amongst many residents and the Community Association.

An asphalt path was installed without consultation and against the Shire endorsed community park landscape master plan. It runs from Blue Moon (Red Hill Trading) to Point Leo Road, partly across a grass bank and mainly over an existing gravel pathway, travelling past the war memorial and children's play space and through indigenous planting.

The Red Hill Community Association wrote to the Shire expressing their strong disapproval of the works and have asked for remedial works to be undertaken as soon as possible.

The asphalt path is not in keeping with the rural character of the area and is not in accordance with the Shire endorsed community park master plan. The plan specifically states the use of gravel pathways.

It was constructed quickly and without proper preparation works and is a safety hazard. It is subject to water pooling, erosion and the edges are a tripping hazard.

The situation could have been avoided with consultation and reference to the master plan and is seen by many as both inappropriate and a waste of rate payers' money.

(See Cr. Gill's Comment page 3)



Before and after . . .

The sounds of the Remembrance Day Bugle



The annual Remembrance Day Service will take place online on Thursday 11 November at 10.45am, due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

You can tune into the live event on the Red Hill Community Association Facebook page and listen to the bugle sounds echoing across Red Hill and Main Ridge

100 Years of Rail History

The Bittern-Red Hill Railway was opened 100 years ago on 2 December 1921 after more than 40 (I haven't read this before) so maybe "many" years of campaigning by the local fruit growers, loggers and graziers.

The 16-kilometre journey from Bittern to Red Hill travels via Merricks and Balnarring and took approximately 1.5 hours uphill and return down hill the trip was approximately 50 minutes.

The project was completed mostly by hand using shovels, picks and wheelbarrows and six-horse teams assisted in the steep section.

The railway had a relatively short life, closing after 32 years of service on 29 June 1953, and the railway line was dismantled two years later in 1955.

More information about the railway line is available on the information boards in the community park.

The Red Hill Community Association has been working with the Shire to build a replica of the railway platform shelter ready for the 100th anniversary however the construction has been delayed due to COVID-19. The platform itself has been completed and the shelter is in the Shire's tendering process

Kerry Watson



Stopping all Stations to Red Hill -- peninsulaessence.com.au/

NOT MANY GAMES BUT OFF FIELD ACTION CONTINUED FOR RED HILL FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

Red Hill's football and netball teams played only 12 games in the Covid affected 2021 season, but it was better than 2020 when no games at all were played. A season usually involves 18 home and away games, so in effect over two years the teams have played one third of the normal number of games.

But off the field a lot was happening. On a Facebook video the Club President, Graham Sherry and coaches presented a recap of the season. The President reported that all of the Club's generous sponsors remained supportive, supporters remained interested, administrative issues were addressed and improvements planned.

He said coaches' boxes are to be erected on the main oval and, over the summer, electronic scoreboards will be erected on both ovals. The Club's leadership on the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan has been recognised by the AFL with a grant of \$20,000 for the proposed Light Tower Indigenous Decoration Project.

"The Junior Academy will be extended to include girls for the first time while the well-being program has shown how important it is for players, volunteers and supporters, especially during lockdown times," he said.

A three year strategic plan has been developed and funding for the expansion of the clubrooms has been confirmed.

"It has been an average year in many ways but we are in a good place, well positioned to go forward into the 2022 season with confidence," Graham concluded.

Netball Manager and senior coach Lisa Galvin said a lot of effort had gone into developing local players and a new coaching panel has been set up to undertake the development work. Looking



to next season there will be trials in November when it is expected that 60 girls will compete for 50 available positions in the 2022 teams.

"Our players are feeling very competitive and the 2022 season will allow us to complete unfinished business. Bring in on," Lisa declared.

Women's Football coach Shane Ramsey was pleased that his players rose from near the bottom of the ladder to second place by winning eight of their twelve games.

"It has been a fantastic year. We had two players competing in the best and fairest award in Division 3 and our goal kickers were well in the running. Our aim is to graduate from Division 3 to Division 2 and play with the big girls," Shane said.

"A second women's team is on the cards if more recruits come forward and join a Club which has a terrific vibe," he said.

Senior football

coach, Jamie Mollo, said it was not the team's best performance - three wins to finish 8th on the ladder - but they had learnt a lot about what to work on in the upcoming pre-season.

"We need to improve our forward line, probably need to find a key forward as a pivotal target and our midfield could do with more depth. We had a few injuries but we enjoyed the challenge of being in Division 1," he said.

Jamie also noted that the younger developing sides had done well so with a good young list he felt the future looks bright. Star senior player, Jonah Siverson, rounded off the video presentation observing that it had been a strange year and although the team finished 8th on the ladder he felt they had shown that they could stick with the better sides.

"What you learn pretty quickly in Division 1 is that a short period of lack of concentration can cost you 5 or 6 goals," he said.

He was pleased that all the players had stayed connected during the lockdown, checking on each other through Zoom catch-ups.



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OUR AREA ATTRACTS TV FILM SHOOTS

The magnificent view from 'Arthurs Seat Views' Bed and Breakfast in Nestle Court attracted the producers of the long running TV soap opera series 'Neighbours' to shoot a scene there on October 19.

Head of Communications at Fremantle Media, Kelly Davis, told Hill n Ridge that the scene shot was for an upcoming storyline to air in 2022. It involves two of the regular characters, Kyle Canning (played by Chris Milligan) and Roxy Willis (played by Zima Anderson) who are on a romantic getaway in one of Victoria's most scenic spots.

The lead came from Hill n Ridge photographer, Peter Wakeman, a resident of Nestle Court, who received a courtesy flyer in his letterbox asking residents in the Court to be understanding about the increased traffic and parking that would occur during the day-long shoot.

The other TV session which recently featured our area was a 'Gardening Australia' segment on ABC TV which featured a local environmental issue. Main Creek Landcare volunteers Michelle Stacey and Amanda Jane Braidahl described their work with the invasive weed Karamu which is threatening indigenous plants in our natural bushland. In this segment there was a fleeting glimpse of Geoff Smith, also a Landcare volunteer, showing his tree planting technique.

Red Hill Op Shop Welcomes New Committee for 2021 – 2022

The Red Hill Op Shop AGM was held Tuesday 28th September via Zoom, which is effective yes, but not quite as much fun as a cup of tea and a natter with a colleague! However, a pleasing number of members tuned in to see the final reports presented and a new committee line up announced.

It's been a challenging year for the Committee and Members of the Op Shop and despite the 'yes we can open, no we can't open' status of the shop, the RHOS still traded and recycled when permitted. The revenue raised meant that we were able to distribute \$54,000 to the Peninsula Home Hospice, (our main beneficiary), \$2000 to the Rosebud Hospital, \$1000 to Dromana High School and \$576.00 to Southern Peninsula Community Support & Information Service.

For the first time in our 38 year history, there were more nominations for committee positions than vacancies, so a postal ballot was held and the voting was very close. Four new members were welcomed to the committee which now consists of:

President: Felicity Jackson,
Vice President: Deidre Gillespie,
Secretary: Robyn Allan,
Treasurer: Ruth Johns,
Shop Co-ordinator: Marion Trevellyan, .:
Roster Secretary: Ann Carter
Committee: Sue Brooks, Janet Field,
Richard Keogh, Gail Smith, Jane Reynolds

We congratulate the new members and wish the whole committee all the very best for the coming year knowing they will have the support of a growing number of members. In the past year, 10 new members have joined the group.

Our 'outgoing' Roster Secretary is Pat Wright of Balnarring who has held that position for 18 years and has performed the most amazing task of ensuring the shop was properly staffed with happy volunteers.

With busy lives, people having to do last minute changes, swap shifts/days and having holidays (remember those?), Pat has been the cheery voice at the end of the phone making sure that the changes to the roster were done and everyone involved was notified. Quite often if an alternate person could not be found, Pat would do the shift herself. A stellar performance from start to finish! And a very big act to follow. We wish Ann Carter all the very best in her new role!

We hope, like all Victorians, that things will get back to normal soon so that we can resume the very important business of recycling and raising much needed funds for local not for profits. And even *more* important, welcome **you** back to our shop!!!

Keeri Egan

Passing of Judy Kefford

Sad news that our beautiful Judy Kefford has died at Shoreham Nursing Home in August. Judy was a longstanding Red Hill resident and Op Shop member since it began.



Many of you will remember Judy, the twinkle in her eye, the cheeky sense of humour, the kindness and generosity, her loyal friendship, her flair for fashion, colours and creativeness and the fun we had with her. She also was pragmatic and

stood no nonsense, she was a staunch supporter of the Op Shop and Peninsula Home Hospice and one of her closest friends was Carmel Whelan with whom she had exciting adventures in all parts of the world. In these days of lockdown, the family is yet to decide how to celebrate her long life, but we will let you know in due course. It is very hard for them to say goodbye to their Mum, grandmother and great-grandmother at any time, but especially now when the traditional gatherings to mourn her passing are not possible. Our thoughts are with them and with all who loved Judy.

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Snakes Get Bad Press

Second to Arachnophobia, the fear of spiders, is Ophidiophobia, the fear of snakes.

When you look at the statistics, on average, two people die of snake bites in Australia per annum. When you read this, it is obvious that way too much negative energy is spent maligning the poor old snake.

Knowing that people have a general fear of not only snakes but sharks and spiders, fears that we possibly have inherited from our parents, it is worth mentioning a few interesting facts.

226 Australians die from falling off ladders per annum, but do we hear about people who have phobias regarding climbing ladders? Well no, but for your information, the word is climacophobia, but hardly rates a mention, compared to Ophidiophobia. You would have to ask why the poor old snake going about its business is so hated.

There over 27,000 varieties of snakes in the world but only 375 are venomous. In Victoria, the 'dreaded' four are Tiger, Copper head, Eastern Brown and Red Bellied Black snakes.

Snakes would rarely go after a human as there is nothing in it for them. They will bite you if you step on them or get too close while they are sun-baking etc.

If you see a snake sunning itself or gliding along a walking track, simply wait to see what way it goes, then pass. Do not try to kill it.

In winter, you will not see many around as the cold-blooded snake will find a burrow or a log and sleep. They need the warmer weather to eat and metabolise,

Copper Head and Tiger Snakes give birth to live-born, where Eastern Brown snakes lay eggs. Copperheads give birth to their young in an amniotic sac.

Snakes generally give birth every second year.

Here is some information if you are unfortunate to get bitten.

Call an ambulance immediately. You should treat any snakebite as an emergency, regardless of whether you think the snake was venomous or not.

1. Don't panic, and don't move.
2. Leave the snake alone. Don't try to catch or kill it.
3. Learn how to apply a pressure immobilisation bandage and splint beforehand.
Don't wash, suck, cut or tourniquet the bite.

Antivenom

Not everyone who is bitten needs the antivenom as some people have only very mild effects from the bite or none at all. However, some people can become very ill after being bitten and in these people, it is essential to use an appropriate amount of antivenom to counteract the effects of the poison.

Michael Leeworthy
133 Shoreham Road
Red Hill South Vic. 3937

Did you know there is a
Licensed Social Club
in Main Ridge?

The MAIN RIDGE CLUB is open on
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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AT MAIN RIDGE

Main Ridge does not have a township or a general store. The Cricket Club is not just a Club but a way of life, the soul of Main Ridge brought about by dedicated contributors on and off the field. Prior to 1926, the Club was called the Main Creek Cricket Club and matches were played on farmland, a property originally owned by the Cains, now 'Pine Ridge' near where 'Johnny Ripe' is in Main Creek Road.

This remained the Club's home until 1932. Seven acres had been bought from C. Rigby for a recreation ground at Main Ridge for 5 pounds. To fund further developments, 10 pound deposit was raised by the community, in part by a sheep guessing competition.

a move was made to play at the Main Ridge State School on the corner of Shands Road. However this became unavailable after March 1951 when Main Ridge school closed.

In the early 1950s a pine forest was planted. It remained until cleared by volunteer labour with the help of some heavy agricultural equipment to make way for a second oval. And so the Main Ridge Reserve was born.

Arthur & Frank Ditterich, who are Life Members of the MRCC had orchards in Valley View Lane, Main Ridge. Both were keen cricketers and in involved in the community, planning and building of the bowls club and other works associated with the ground. .

There are 31 Life members on MRCC Honour Board several of whom are revered as Club Legends.

To quote Life Member, Kevin Wyatt, "Involvement with the MRCC is not just the sense of competition and mate-ship, but a sense of belonging, of family and of tradition." His sons, Marcus and Gareth, who was appointed the Coach for the 2021-22 are also Life Members. Other Life members include Les and

wife Heather lapozzuto (as a scorer). Lloyd Hosking holds the record for most number games with 530. Lloyd and Les have played with the Club since 1964/65 and qualify as Legends, as does Bill Martin who died in 2015. Five members of the Barker clan have represented Main Ridge, the names of Russell and Travis are on the Honour board. Many records at the Club are held by Colin White, his son-in-law Ken Rigby and grandson Stuart Rigby who have contributed countless hours off the field as well.



Colin is pictured congratulating Stuart on his 250th game.



The Main Ridge Cricket Club



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Historical events and individual achievements are represented in many ways on the Mornington Peninsula. These include War Memorials, Achievement Boards, sculptures, park benches, fountains, interpretive signs, heritage markers and tree plantings or individual trophies, medals, ribbons and sashes, frequently kept in the back of a cupboard.

MONUMENTS, MEDALS and MEMORABLE MEETINGS

The author, Gideon Haigh said, 'Cricket history can be addictive and all consuming.'

Issue 75, featured the statue of Victor Trumper on show in Arthurs Seat Road and his 'stroke of genius'. This brought to mind Sam Loxton, an Australian cricket selector who at the time of the infamous under arm cricket incident, lived in Red Hill.

Sam Loxton, who had represented Australia as an all rounder in 12 Tests stormed out of the MCG in disgust on 3 December 2011. 'I was teary when I drove back to where I lived in Red Hill.'

This was after the infamous underarm incident in an International One Day Cricket match.

New Zealand needed 6 runs to win. The Australian Captain, Greg Chappell instructed brother, Trevor to bowl a delivery to Brian McKechnie the No 10 batsman, a delivery which would make a Kiwi victory impossible - 'a grubber'. Loxton said to Greg Chappell, "You may have won the game but you lost a lot of friends." Loxton retired from cricket administration.

His father, S. L. Loxton, an electrician and Prahran Committee member 1941-1974, was the original owner of Crown allotment 20B, parish of Kangerong, in Old Whitehill Rd just down the road from a stand pipe.



Samuel J. E. Loxton (1921-2011) Cricketer, Life Member of Prahran Cricket Club, footballer, GTV9 commentator and State Liberal politician, he was well known in many circles

Local cricket identity and prominent respected orchardist, Don Edwards recalls yarning to Sam Loxton when he was in Red Hill. As one of the 1948 team, the 'Invincibles', captained by Don Bradman, he was well known

Don Edwards was asked where he used to

meet Sam "Like many Red Hill residents and holiday makers we met at the **stand pipe**, located on what is now called **Old White Hill Road**. Water was referred to as **Liquid Gold**. Dams dried out and tanks often ran dry in the warmer months." (a familiar problem today). We took milking cans and any other container we could find.'

In earlier years on the Peninsula, young cricketers were inspired by Cecil Eeles, an English County cricketer who was known for his coaching and encouragement and awarded a trophy. Don Edwards was awarded the 1959-60 Under 21 Peninsula 'Colt of the Year' and received a Norm O'Neill cricket bat.



Don Edwards with his prized Cricket bat

This is a prized possession in his cricket collection of nine bats. A spectator saw Don in action and invited him to train with the St Kilda District team in 1962. He would go to the market with apples then back to his grandmother's place at Carnegie for a rest, then to cricket practice at St Kilda then back to the farm afterwards to start work early the next day. He played for six years, as a Left hand Opening bat. His highest District score was 148 against South Melbourne.

Called 'the Sainter' by Loxton, there were many lively cricket discussions by the stand pipe typical of the bond that exists between the cricket fraternity. After St Kilda, Don played 271 games for Red Hill from the 1sts to the 'Old identities' side. His best score was 157 against Delacombe Park. Nine Edwards have played for Red Hill.

Later at aged 37, 9 April 1977, Don Edwards made 30 runs for the Victorian Country XI who played India in the era of Sunil Gavaskar. He retired from cricket in the early 2000s. Don played over 100 games football for Red Hill and was Captain of the 1st 18 in 1975.

MEDALLISTS: Welcome to the home of Debbie Flintoff-King OAM

The Moorooduc road side sign honours Flintoff-King who won a gold medal in the Seoul Olympics 1988 in the 400 metres hurdles. She carried the torch at the opening of the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Judy Pollock nee Amoore won a bronze medal in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the 400m event, 3rd to Betty Cuthbert. She lived in Balnarring for many years and taught at Red Hill Consolidated for 30+ years.

Memories were revived in 2020 when longstanding Peninsula residents brought trophies and medals to a Morning Tea for Show and Tell.



Eleanor Chilcott (nee Rigby, White), pictured above, a determined, talented centre and her sister Maxine played in many successful Red Hill basketball/netball teams for over a decade, and also in Mornington Peninsula representative teams. Eleanor has an impressive collection and proudly recalled her selection in the team to play in a country team against New Zealand.

THE AR. AND F. DITTERICH GATES



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(see Centenary Celebration story page 12)



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PROGRAM PROMOTES POSITIVE INTERACTIONS

Red Hill District Lions has a three-pronged approach to disbursements of funds -supporting youth, addressing disadvantage and developing community.

Although the last year has thrown some curve balls in terms of fundraising and involvement, Lions still managed to distribute around \$30,000 to the community.

One of the programs we were able to support, was the PLAY program at Red Hill Consolidated School.

PLAY (Positivity, Leadership and Activated Youth) is a program designed to enhance the resilience and wellbeing of young people. PLAY is excellent for intellectual and cognitive development skills.

In short, it's good for development of young brains. Through the program training, school Student Leaders learn how to facilitate safe and fun games for other students, including younger students, at school during lunch times and recess throughout the year.

The program provides a platform for students to support each other, practice positive values, take responsibility and develop their leadership abilities. The PLAY program both directly and

indirectly supports teachers to meet many of the General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum, specifically covering the Personal and Social Capability domain.

The PLAY program was designed and delivered in UK schools by Andy Delaney as a London 2012 Olympics project. It was subsequently adapted for delivery in Australia by the South Australian Department of Education and Childhood Development and by Resilient Youth with permission from Andy Delaney. PLAY has proven to be a popular and highly effective anti-bullying program. Although students have had a disrupted school year, we look forward to learning more about the implementation of this positive program in our local school.

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Canopy birds such as Spotted and Striated Pardalotes are coming down to nest in their tiny burrows, while Crested Shrike-tits are also coming to earth to collect nesting material.

If these names mean nothing to you but you'd like to learn more and put faces to the names then why not join our Facebook group - Mornington Peninsula Birders. Look it up and request membership and our moderator will invite you in.

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