

Hill 'n' Ridge Community Newsletter



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WHAT'S ON

MEN'S SHED

Tues / Wed mornings 9:00AM

Ladies Group Tues 2:00PM

LIONS FITNESS SESSIONS

Tuesday mornings 8:45AM

BOWLS & PETANQUE CLUB

Monday MAJONG 10:00AM

Friday PETANQUE 4:00PM

Happy Hour from 5PM

SEPTEMBER

2 MOTH 8TH BIRTHDAY SHOW

THE HOODOO MEN

3 RED HILL MARKET

5 COFFEE & CONVERSATION
GGENERAL STORE 10:30

8 RUOK Day Event

"Let's Talk" . . .

ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER

1 RED HILL MARKET

3 COFFEE & CONVERSATION

GENERAL STORE
10:30AM

7 MOTH
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NOVEMBER

5 RED HILL MARKET

19 HINTERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

KEEP THE DATE



Deadline for Issue 83

OCTOBER 1

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Include events for

Nov . Dec, Jan 23

YOUTH SHINES IN RED HILL



Award winners in the Lions Junior Public Speaking contest.

Fergus Colyer, Charlotte Stinchcombe, Matilda Redward, Alexandra Bayliss, Scarlett Jacobs.

Fergus and Alexandra will represent Red Hill District Lions in the semi-finals of the competition.

Some of Mornington Peninsula's finest young public speakers demonstrated their communication skills at the annual Lions Junior Public Speaking competition held at the Main Ridge Bowling and Petanque Club on 28th July, 2022. Seven students from Red Hill Consolidated School kept their audience enthralled with tales of their dream place to visit and reflections on the contributions and life contexts of famous personalities of the nineteenth century.

Kept to three-to-four minutes, each of the speakers impressed the attentive audience (and judges) with their passionately delivered, and well researched, speeches which reflected their unique personalities. They both informed and entertained the audience and spoke strongly to a range of environmental and social justice concerns.

Alexandra Bayliss (years 3-4) and Fergus Colyer (years 5-6) were the close winners of the competition and will now go on to represent Red Hill District Lions Club at the semi-finals. While taking centre stage at the competition, all speakers were clearly encouraged and well supported by their parents, family members and the great teaching team at the Red Hill Consolidated School.

The Lions Club, as usual, did a terrific job working with the speakers, teachers and parents in preparing for and facilitating this competition.

Mark Stirling

LET'S TALK. . . Thursday SEPT 8

5:00pm- 6:30pm

Red Hill Café and Wine Bar Join the Conversation

Guest Speaker: Jeanette Horsley

Manager| Jimmy's – Youth Wellbeing Sanctuary

Principal Master Mental Health First Aid Facilitator - HFAA

Join the conversation . . . All welcome - for as long or as little as you are able.

It's important to know how to ask RUOK ?

FREE EVENT but registering at Eventbrite is encouraged . . .

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ruok-lets-talk-tickets-401591339507>



A Red Hill District Lions Event



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WORLD STAGE FOR LOCAL IRONMAN ATHLETE

Fifty six year old Jane Cole will compete in the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii in October 2022.

Jane, a Safety Beach resident who works part-time at Cellar & Pantry in Red Hill South, earned this prestigious opportunity by winning her age group (55-59) at the Cairns Ironman in June.

"I was stoked," she said. "My only expectation in Cairns was to get a place but thrilled to actually win".

A large group of Jane's triathlon team, Trispecify based in Mornington, went to Cairns. Some competed in the half ironman. Jane chose the full ironman which consists of a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and a 42km run. Competitors get 17 hours to complete the gruelling course. Jane finished in a time of 11 hours 2 minutes.

"I came out of the swim second and as I transitioned from the bike leg to the run my husband, Ashley, told me I had a 28 minute lead. I thought if I can just hold a consistent run I hold myself in a great position. The atmosphere was fantastic and we had an amazing support crew up there cheering us all on," she said.

Jane took up the challenge of this sport in 2016, aged 50. She competed in New Zealand where she came fourth in the full ironman. After two years of no competition or races due to Covid Jane spoke with her coach, Clinton Watson, and agreed that Cairns presented an opportunity to test whether she could improve her New Zealand time.

She was pleased that her run in Cairns went to plan and very importantly that she had managed her nutrition well. A body under that much demand for such a long period can react adversely if it is not given the right amount of nutrition and every athlete has different nutritional needs. Before and during the race gel shots, bars and drinks help keep up the calories and protein intake required to avoid dehydration. The correct intake of nutrition on the 180km bike ride is critical and Jane carried three large bottles containing sports fluids on the bike, plus gels and bars, and replenished her supplies at aid stations throughout the race.



Jane Cole holding her ironman triathlon medal

The training schedule is intense. Up early every morning Jane built up to training around 14 hours a week. Two swims a week, three rides and three runs a week. Modern technology comes into the training program with the use of an app called Zwift.

"Preparing for Kona will be full on and exciting but it will be a different training program as it is a totally different course and climate to Cairns. I will be training a lot around Arthurs Seat and the hills around the peninsula," she said.

The ironman triathlon is widely regarded as the gold standard in triathlon racing, and considered to be one of the most difficult one day sporting events in the world.

Although marathons have been held for over a century the triathlon became popular in California in the mid 1970's. It is often claimed that the idea for the first ironman came about as a challenge to see whether swimmers, cyclists or runners were the best endurance athletes. The initial event was held in Hawaii in February 1978 and world championships are now held every year in Kona. It became an Olympic sport in 2000.

"My husband Ashley is very supportive and amazing. Not only does he look after me but he also makes sure my bike is in top condition," Jane said. Ashley will accompany Jane to Kona in October for the big race.

She had a one word answer for how she felt at the completion of an ironman event. "Tired!"

But she would not miss this opportunity for anything.

– RB.



Jane running past the crowd in Cairns



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

- It is good to see our heritage valued with the start of the building of the **Red Hill Station shelter**. There is a little controversy over matching the roof colour of the original railway station. Hopefully local input on this will be valued.
- Community advocacy is in full swing for the **State election** in November. Volunteer groups and clubs with long overdue state funding needs may finally be recognised. The closeness of the election could encourage candidate funding promises.
- There is a possibility that **Formula 1 race cars** will be showcased on the Peninsula next year. More details as they emerge.
- Always great to see local initiatives. The Red Hill Agriculture and Horticulture Society is applying for a large **storage shed** at Scott House. They are offering to help out because many local groups including Drama and Dance companies have nowhere to store their property.
- The **'Snap, Send, Solve'** app helps identify safety matters needing a fix and has been very successful. There is some concern that Council may not continue this service. Your feedback to Councillors is important on issues like this.
- New technology bought by Council allows **tree canopy** in townships to be calculated and used in restoring village character in areas across the Shire.
- Council is considering increasing **leash-free areas** for dogs including at sports ground ovals. Your input will be important on this issue now and into the future.
- Advice from the Victorian Farmers Federation Peninsula Branch is available on biosecurity steps for **Foot and Mouth** disease. Farmers are very watchful in these uncertain times with diseases especially with farm related workers who visit other farms. If you are just dropping by a farm house please let them know where you have previously

visited as soil borne pests and weed seeds are easily carried in soil and mud.

- **United Energy** who are responsible for the carriage of electricity on the Peninsula are holding meetings with community members about how to improve their service. Please give me your feedback and I will pass it on.

Keep well.

David. Gill

0437 129 016



The new name (PBCo) will be introduced in the next few months.

BIG PLANS FOR LITTLE WINE STORE

Owners of the new Peninsula Beverage Co store in Red Hill, Nick and Georgia Bradley, plan to keep the locals happy by not changing the concept of the former Wine Collective although they will be introducing more wine tastings and events as the weather warms up.

Located in the shopping strip on Mornington Flinders Road, PBCo will stock a range of local and international wines plus a selection of cheeses and saucisson (a type of French sausage) that was very popular amongst the former Wine Collective customers.

"We're thrilled to be joining the Red Hill community. We'll be keeping the concept of the former store but adding some seasonal beers and a larger selection of spirits into the mix," Georgia said.

The couple established their first PBCo location three years ago in Main Street Mornington, and the move to Red Hill is an expansion of their business. "We love everything that the Mornington Peninsula has to offer, from wineries and breweries right through to local produce," Georgia said. "We also love supporting authentic, small batch, local, family run businesses," she said.

A team of local people with experience in the wine and hospitality industries have been employed at the Red Hill location.



Nick and Georgia Bradley in their Red Hill

To find out what's on, follow the Wine Collective on social media @rhwinecollective.

THE RED HILL MEN'S BOOK CLUB

For those of you who have been around long enough you may know that the The Red Hill Men's Book Club was originally called 'Book Blokes and Beer'. Oh me of little faith. I seriously did not believe that a group of men would bond together over books and we would need a hook.

"Women do socialise much better than men and there are several Women's Book Clubs in the area. However the big difference with our Book Club is that we read whatever we like, then discuss that book.," said Michael

The Book Club has been going for around thirteen years now and

"If I have one regret, it's that I did not document what we read from the very start.

We originally met at night at my home but we are presently meeting at a café in Red Hill at 10.30am on the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise notified," said Michael

New members are very welcome.

You can email Michael michaellee48@bigpond.com and he will add you to the list. He sends out a reminder a few days before each session.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day



On August 4, Red Hill Consolidated School held their first flag raising ceremony and whole school picnic to celebrate. We were joined by Shilo Van Sanden the Koorie Education Coordinator and Eric Clarke our Koorie Engagement Support Officer with the Department of Education, Red Hill Memorial Preschool, Monterosso and many parents and members of our school community. Our school captains facilitated the assembly and were joined by the Torres Strait Islander flag raisers Zachary Collins, Onyx and Yilla Killoran Bulmer and Aboriginal flag raisers Tom McGough, Alfie and Jasper Dowell with support from our flag captains.

DEATH OF ACTIVE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Bernie Shalekoff passed away peacefully at Arcare, Balnarring, on June 12, aged 84, after an active life in the Red Hill and Shoreham community.

After moving from South Africa in the late 1960's Bernie started volunteering in community activities in the 1980's. Although he was brought up on rugby he coached Red Hill Junior Football Club's under 9 team for a season.

In about 1981 he helped create Art Red Hill, along with his wife Sharron and others including Beth and Barry Wilson, Keith and Dianne White, Ken and Lyn Lewis, Noel Teasdale and Re and Graeme Townsend. Before the first Art Red Hill exhibition, Bernie drove to Monsalvat in Eltham to collect the jewellery of Matcham Skipper (honoured in 1996 Australia Day awards for contributions to arts and community and 1997 Emeritus Award from the Australia Council). While driving back to Red Hill, police stopped him for a faulty tail light. He was worried that the police might see the jewellery in the back, assume he stole it and lock him up but luckily they didn't see it! Bernie and Keith White slept at Red Hill School hall on stretcher beds, as security for the jewellery because Art Red Hill didn't have any theft insurance.

In 1982/3 Bernie joined Shoreham CFA. Members received little or no training, but they went to the terrible Ash Wednesday fire in Beaconsfield. The Shoreham CFA truck nearly went down a narrow, heavily treed road with low visibility to try to save people and houses. Bernie recognised that this looked very dangerous and convinced the crew not to go down the road. Unfortunately, other brigades drove down that road, tried to fight the fire, suffered a terrible burn-over and firefighters tragically died.

Bernie and Sharron were regular stall holders at the Red Hill market between 1982-96. They sold jewellery and leatherwork initially, plus various arts and crafts. They also started Eureka Farm Produce in the 1980s, selling homemade mustards, vinegars, jams and tapenade and shared recipes and cooking ideas with the market community.

Bernie is survived by his wife Sharron, his daughter Anna and his son, Adam, who is an active member of Main Ridge CFA.

GREENS BUSH TO ARTHURS SEAT BIOLINK NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTING ACTIVITIES



Purves Rd Revegetation

The recent eruption of thousands of plastic tubes across a property on Purves Road has a simple explanation. Landcare and the Grow-Corp Foundation are collaborating on establishing a demonstration of how a structured revegetation approach can improve agricultural productivity while also enhancing our environment, increasing biodiversity, and providing climate-change resilience.

With financial support from the Shire, DELWP and donations, several hundred community volunteers are incorporating over 5,000 indigenous species into shelterbelts, bush patches, and the riparian zones along Splitters Creek and a tributary.

The shelterbelts serve a triple role: protecting the property from weather; as a nursery and home for the thousands of beneficial native species that consume agricultural bug pests; and enabling native species to move between isolated bush patches. The riparian vegetation helps ensure we keep our precious waterways pristine and useable by all.

The entire farm also forms an integral component of the decadal Landcare program to develop the Greens Bush to Arthurs Seat State Biolink – a natural 'highway' along which indigenous species can travel in response to climate change and the toll from increasingly severe weather and fire.

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For each ticket sold the group will receive \$2 and this year we aim to rise \$5000 to purchase new tents that will be used by Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

Ticket sales are now all digital so you can purchase from the comfort on your own home through the link below or go directly to our website

<https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/1stredhill?v=1>
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Thank you for helping young people in your local community

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING AT FOOD ON THE HILL

Ambulance Victoria recently provided training in the use of a defibrillator, which is used as an aid for anyone suffering a heart attack until medical help can arrive, at Food on the Hill in Red Hill South shopping centre. A defibrillator for community use was installed outside the cafe in 2021 by the Red Hill Lions Club with funds raised at a lunch by celebrity chef George Colombaris.

Locals attending really appreciated the opportunity for training on how to use the defibrillator. In the case of heart attack, every second counts towards the likelihood of the victim surviving.

If you have a group who would like training on the use of the defibrillators now located at Food on the Hill, the Red Hill Consolidated School and, Main Ridge, please contact the Red Hill Lions Club chair Lyn Connor on 0427 551 890.



ARTHURS SEAT PROBUS CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Arthurs Seat Probus Club will be 20 years old next year and has been an extremely active club over the whole 19 years.

As our founding members age and our numbers start to dip below our maximum of 100 members, we are looking for new members to keep the club active and growing.

When my wife and I took up permanent residence on the Peninsula in 2008 we did not know anyone. Membership of Arthurs Seat Probus Club has allowed us to gather a wide range of friends and acquaintances and to better enjoy the lovely lifestyle available to us on the Peninsula.

As the recent surge of permanent residents to the Peninsula continues, I am sure there are many others in the same situation as we found ourselves in 2008 and I would encourage them to give Arthurs Seat Probus Club a try.

Many members of the club have recently returned from our April Getaway to Ballarat. We have these trips twice a year in April and October and members travel to Caravan Parks in their own vehicles and either take their caravan or hire a cabin. The organiser will have arranged a suite of attractions to visit in the area and on our Ballarat sojourn the attractions were many and varied and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The club meets on the second Friday of the month in the Main Ridge hall and after hearing our monthly speaker adjourns to a local eatery for lunch after the meeting.

Golf	weekly	Walking	monthly
Craft	monthly	Garden Club	monthly
Happy Hour & a half	monthly	Chess	monthly
Cycling	monthly	Fine Dining	5 th Friday of month
Family History	monthly	Golf Getaway	March (4 days)
Mid Winter Lunch	June, July, August and September	Singing/Travel	twice a year

Other activities of the club include:

We would love to hear from anyone wishing to give us a try by attending one of our monthly meetings

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Michael Phillips

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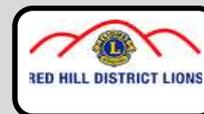
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Red Hill and surrounds

Andrew Sides 0407 56 3670



Red Hill District Lions Club is actively seeking people interested in supporting our community.

Lions is a community service organisation, working to make the community a better place to live, work and grow.

If you would like to know more (without obligation) please contact

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NEW CRICKET COACH FOR RED HILL

The Red Hill Cricket Club will be entering the 2022/23 season competing at the top level of Mornington Peninsula cricket while being guided by a new off field leader.

Neil Robertson who only joined the club at the beginning of last year has come on board as the new head coach for the upcoming season, bringing a new insight into an eager playing group.

Neil looks to use his past coaching experiences which include stints at Melbourne Uni and North Melbourne, to help the playing group strive forward as a team by implementing a mentoring program where younger talent pairs with more experienced players for mutual benefits of improvement.

"It's the players that are going to take control of the club on-field and hopefully take the club to success," Neil said.



Neil Robertson has joined Red Hill Cricket club as off-field leader.

I'm really looking forward to seeing what some of the young and up-and-coming guys can do this season, and I'm hoping the mentoring program can help those guys."

Neil moved to the Red Hill area permanently when the pandemic hit and has more recently become the coach of the Red Hill Women's footy team, a roll he really enjoys.

The club will once again look to fill at least five senior teams, an under 18's team and junior teams accommodating to all ages including a girls team looking to participate in their second season.

If you or someone you know is interested in playing cricket, contact the GM of cricket - Ken 0488332001

Season will commence Saturday October 1st

NEW FACILITIES UNDERWAY FOR THE MAIN RIDGE CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is not far away, and the Main Ridge Cricket Club is busy preparing for the upcoming season. Following on from our Centenary celebrations last season, the club is looking forward to what promises to be an exciting season. The appointment of Ryan Harrison to the Captains' role for the First XI, along with a couple of exciting player signings, will further the leadership experience in the side, complementing the young talent at the club.

The club will be fielding four senior and three junior sides again this season, so if you would like to play on the most picturesque ground on the peninsula and be part of a family-orientated club with a welcoming atmosphere, please contact our club representatives on the numbers below.

The club would also like to take this time to thank outgoing President John McEncroe, who has led the club over the past 8 years and has overseen the growth of the club along with the additions of new change rooms and brand-new state-of-the-art cricket nets at the A.R. & F. Ditterich Reserve.



New cricket nets are being constructed

New president, Billy Sakalis, is a born and bred member of the Main Ridge Cricket Club who has continued the strong work in his short time in the position.

For senior player enquiries, please contact Billy Sakalis. M. 0459 744 395
For junior player enquiries, please contact Travis Barker. M. 0403 314 947

MAH-JONG AT THE BOWLS AND PETANQUE CLUB



If you have not played Mah-jong and want to learn, why not join an informal group each Monday morning at 10,00 am at the Main Ridge Bowls and Petanque club house. Experienced players also welcomed. Contact Ruth - email ruthnorcott@gmail.com

VALE ROBERT BAILEY

Former Red Hill Postie Robert Bailey, passed away at the end of July.

He was the Red Hill Mail Contractor for 20 years, delivering letters, parcels and "Hill & Ridge with wife Gwen, catching up with the "locals" on delivery route.

Robert has lived in Red Hill since childhood, born in Dromana, attended Red Hill School, and married local Gwen built a home raised a family and continued to work in the area.

Gwen, Ethel and family still call Red Hill home.

Robert got to cuddle his Great Grandson Quinn which brought him much joy.



GOT A RAT PROBLEM?

WHAT KIND OF RODENTICE DO YOU USE?

Nobody wants to hear rats scampering around in their roof cavity at 3 o'clock in the morning or meet them the next day in the chook shed. But before you reach for the rat poison there are a couple of things to consider. There are a few different types of rodenticide (a poison that kills rodents). The most commonly used are the anticoagulants and we'll focus on these. First generation anticoagulant rodenticides (include warfarin (eg Ratsak Double Strength) or coumatetralyl (eg Racumin). Second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (include brodifacoum (most Ratsak brands), bromodialone and difenacoum (eg Talon, Mortein and others).

Check the labels to see what you're dealing with, FGAR or SGAR.

How do they work? Both these prevent blood from clotting by interfering with the activation of vitamin K. Vitamin K is essential for the production of blood clotting factors in the liver.

Once a lethal dose is ingested the animal will spontaneously bleed out internally or from a wound or other trauma externally. Just about any species mammal, marsupial or bird can be affected.

SGARs', sometimes called 'single dose anticoagulants' are the more potent of the two. A single dose may be lethal. First generation products act more slowly and break down faster.

Several consecutive feeding days are needed for a lethal dose to be ingested. For either class death occurs five to ten days after a lethal dose has been taken.

Both FGARs and SGARs can act directly an animal that eats the poison or indirectly when an animal eats another animal that ate the poison. To work, these products must be palatable enough to attract rodents to eat them. So they come with a flavor or scent enhancer, often peanut butter. Most rats find this irresistible, but unfortunately so do our native animals. These include bandicoots (which also like your chook shed), native bush rats, possums and antechinus, as well as dogs and cats. There is growing evidence that reptiles which are fairly resistant and insects which are unaffected are also consuming these baits.

Because it takes a few days for an animal to die even after a lethal dose, they continue feeding and the toxin builds up. SGARs are not only more potent than FGARs, but the toxin takes longer to break down. So by the time the target species(the rat in your roof) has died or is weakened, it has a fair load of toxin in its system. The rat is now an easy meal for non-target predators.

Those susceptible to this secondary poisoning include anything that eats rodents, bandicoots, possums, reptiles or insects: birds of prey (eagles, falcons, hawks etc), Tassie Devils, quolls and insectivorous birds. The list is increasing as more research is done.

In 2020/2021 eight powerful owls were reported dead around Melbourne in less than one year.

This is a significantly high toll. Deakin University investigated. Toxicology screens were performed for heavy metals (low levels detected), agricultural chemicals (mostly below detection levels) and anticoagulant rodenticides (ARs were present in 83% of owls, often at toxic levels and in some cases lethal. Brodifacoum (Ratsak products) was present in all affected birds. These birds are not scavengers. Their preferred meal is possum or other tree dwelling marsupials. Rats are not often on their menu at all. So it seems they were ingesting SGARs not via the target rodent species but via the unintended non target possum. SGARs are turning up in unexpected places along the food chain. And a number of these at risk animals are already on the threatened species list: Southern Brown Bandicoot, Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Long Nosed Bandicoot and the Powerful Owl are just a few .

SGARs are common and easy to buy from supermarkets and hardware stores in Australia but they are restricted from general sale in the US, Canada and the EU. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (responsible for the management and regulation of all agricultural and veterinary chemical products in Australia) is currently reconsidering which, if any, anticoagulant rodenticides will remain available to the general public.

Unfortunately there is no easy solution to your rat problem. If you choose to use an AR, **FGARS** are less likely to cause problems for our wildlife and pets but if possible, avoid these poisons completely. If you have to use them, place them out of reach of non-target species.

Different products are coming on the market which may be worth trying. These include **Ratsak Naturals** and **Yates Natural**. Traps are an alternative. There are a variety of snap and electronic traps available. Non lethal traps (e. Elliott traps used for monitoring wildlife) will help you make sure it is actually a black rat you've caught; maybe you have a bush rat, bandicoot or an antechinus hanging out in the garden instead. Try and make sure your house and sheds are as rodent proof as possible. Seal holes. Rodents don't need much of a gap to get inside !



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IT TAKES ALL SORTS

Charlie Crow (Sr)

He was Methodist lay preacher who lived at the Balnarring end of the 'old blazed track', Flinders Rd. On Sundays, Mr Crow would walk from his 100-acre farm to conduct the Morning Service at Red Hill. After dinner he would walk to Dromana and take the 7.00pm Service then walk back to the farm. He worked for many years for the Council filling in holes in the road with metal from his dray, also shovelling drains from the roadside.

Long years have proved you
Are the whitest of white men
They say at times you preach,
But you practice what is good
That is the sermon which we want
By all well understood

Henry Tuck 1845-1930 Poems of a
Peninsula Pioneer

Annie (Nan) Chidgey nee Mannix (1875-1958)

Nan was from a hardworking "fishing



family who at times transported fish to the Bittern Railway Station in a little cart. Later she kept a kiosk at the pier. She tolled in the New Year walking through Flinders with a cowbell and singing Irish songs. It was public knowledge not to stand near this loud enthusiastic supporter in football season. Nan was very skilful with her umbrella.

Ethel Bailey

Ethel Red Hill South State school No 4439 (1932 -9) 'Our teacher used to make us play at the far end of the school ground during cricket and Davis Cup season as Mr Noel, the orchardist near the school would have his big wireless up loud. Then he could hear the scores.'

1939 First Constable George Bishop No 7735

He was transferred to Dromana in 1939 and became a respected Dromana resident. Initially the purpose was to round up the Italian market gardeners including Sam Iapozzuto and Nick Di Gregorio who were suspected of being WW11 spies. Tess Clarke remembers going with her father as a youngster when he reported in weekly. It was a job the P.C. disliked, intensely **They weren't spies they were fine hard working family men.**

Marjorie Cleine (1916 – 2009)

Red Hill Sate school where she taught as a junior Mistress in the 1940s

Sporting equipment was very basic – a couple of long skipping ropes, two heavy medicine balls which I thought were basketballs until one knocked the wind out of me when it hit me amidst also a cricket bat and small bat for rounders.

Red Hill Presbyterian Ladies Guild Secretary

There was never an official Guild meeting during fruit picking season however the ladies arranged an apple collection for Pentridge prison. The prison Chaplain came in a prison van to pick up the fruit. A local lad seeing the van, is said to have fled into the bush.

Fruit growing at Red Hill c 1920s

Rabbits were over running the district, trapping was profitable. The money earned helped the finances of the early orchardists. The Weekly Times

Letter to a Village settler

About a fortnight ago I had five traps taken by somebody from Calder's Bush paddock. As there were no footprints anywhere near it must have been an experienced person like yourself who got them. Two more traps have disappeared from a hollow log since. I have been trapping all my life among goods and bad trappers and have never had traps taken till I came here, I have never interfered with your traps or rabbits will you please return them. I am, Yours etc (name provided in the original letter)

Laurie Prossor

Years ago, a local grazier's wife, laughingly said that on the farm they never had any worries. Her husband used to say, *When something is sick, if it has four legs you call the Vet otherwise you call Laurie Prossor.* Laurie was the go to man who could make or fix anything for the agricultural and horticultural fraternity, Main Ridge Engineering closed in 1986

Annual Country Week Basketball Royal Park 1956

The first court was the current Wood chop area at the Red Hill Showgrounds and training in winter was in a Shed.



L-R: D Hansford, (Capt) C Kennedy, O Wickham, E Hepner, J Littlejohn, T Di Gregorio, D Coutts. The team usually won their 1st match in their Section but then faced stiff opposition. They were transported to matches seated in the back of trucks belonging Messrs Wickham, Bowring or Thustain with a partial tarpaulin and no seatbelts.

"Head Butt "Story

A Sportsmen's Night featuring Viv Richards at the end of the 2000/01 Season. Collis King and Viv, being mates were catching up on old times. Having consumed beer and rum, Collis decided he should join Viv on stage and let the crowd applaud the champion. He lost the thread and had to be escorted off the stage by Master of Ceremonies, Dean Jones.

Later, the Flinders Captain, Mark Maddock and club mate, Dwayne Field decided they needed a picture. Collis grabbed Mark and pulled him into the picture but in the process Mark clashed heads with Viv. Thus the Flinders Captain became the first person in history to give one of the best five bats of with it.

Jim McBride White History of Flinders Cricket Club 1874 -2019

Governor – General of the Commonwealth of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove 2014 -2019



On the 13th November 2014 Sir Peter opened the new Main Ridge CFA Station. This was a highlight for Main Ridge. He chatted to everyone and wanted to know which one of the CWA ladies made the delicious cakes, a normal everyday person. (The Leader)

JP



From the Lions' Den . . .



LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM



Students from Red Hill Consolidated School with the school Junior Public Speaking coordinators.

Rear: Jacob Mehrtens, (teacher) Fergus Colyer, Allegra Del Ben, Charlotte Stinchcombe, Zoe Filiopoulos, Jana King, (teacher)

Front: Scarlett Jacobs, Alexandra Bayliss, Matilda Redward



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COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN

Lions 75th anniversary garden at Main Ridge Hall is nearly complete. A plaque will be unveiled on September 29. - the 75th anniversary of Lions in Australia. Look out for the display in Red Hill South as well!

LICOLA WILDERNESS VILLAGE

The township of Licola is owned entirely by the Lions Clubs of Victoria and southern New South Wales. The greater part of the town is occupied by the Licola Wilderness Village, where Lions Clubs have for 50 years run camps for the underprivileged, deserving, special needs and disengaged young people, mostly held during school holidays.



Lions International Peace Poster Contest - students 11-13 use art to interpret their ideas about peace - is one of many Lions Clubs International Youth Programs that aim to provide opportunities for self-development, education, contribution and achievement.

Each year the Contest features a specific Peace Theme. The Peace Theme for 2022-23! Peace Poster Contest is "Lead With Compassion"

Red Hill District Lions have opened up the local contest to years 3-6 students .

However, only those in the 11-13 age group will be eligible to enter the International contest.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER



Last year's Australian winner, W.A student Hannah Roberts, was also a merit award winner in the 34th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

The Camps

- Provide an environment of fun and learning for all children.
- Create a spirit of teamwork and cooperation.
- Challenge children and encourage them to exceed their expectations.
- Encourage children to have respect for themselves and others.

Red Hill Lions will be sponsoring three local students to attend this camp in September holidays



See <https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-programs/youth-opportunities/lions-international-peace-poster-and-essay-competition> (and scroll down for guidelines.!)



Merricks General Store Celebrates 100 years!

2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Merricks General Store opening its doors to the local community. Proprietors, Charlie and Samantha Baillieu, together with the Myer family, wish to mark this special occasion with a celebration over the weekend of October 15 and 16 with a range of activities planned - stay tuned for further details.

By 1922 the township of Merricks was developing into an important hub for transporting produce from Red Hill down to Stony Point to be shipped to markets. The opening of the railway and its extension to Stony Point in 1889 increased this flow of trade. The railway to Red Hill was planned in 1914, delayed during the War and completed in 1921. With an increase in farming along Western Port and the station at Merricks (where Stonier's Winery currently is) there was an obvious need to open a General

Store to service the needs of the local farming community.

After a period of disrepair, the store undertook a major renovation in 2002, with the current owners taking possession in 2008. Primarily operating as a Restaurant and Cellar Door focusing on the abundance of local produce and wine, it is frequented for morning coffee and breakfast as well as a popular lunch destination. Continuing to welcome all visitors from near and far, the store today remains a bustling community hub with a nod to its past maintained with local and kitchen made household essentials.

A call out for history

With people congregating at Merricks General Store for 100 years, there are many tales to be shared and the owners would love to include as many as

possible. To capture the essence of the store and to form part of the celebration, they are inviting everybody to come forward with any photographs or paintings, personal stories or experiences (written or recorded) or newspaper cuttings they may have that form the rich history of the Merricks General Store and the reasons why generations hold it dear.

Content can be dropped into the store directly - attention of Summa Tickell, or e-mailed to history@mgwinestore.com.au. Please include your contact details so all documents can be scanned and returned to you. Please submit all content before September 16, 2022.

The collation will be available to view over the celebration weekend in Merricks House, formerly the homestead of original owners, Alf and Tilly Weston, which now operates as an art gallery.

INTRODUCING THE NEW HINTERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, RED HILL

We are excited to announce that the inaugural Hinterland Music Festival, a community music event set among the gum trees at Red Hill Recreation Reserve on the Mornington Peninsula, will take place on 19 November this year.

It's a festival for music-appreciating audiences that focuses on roots, folk, alt. country and more. Welcoming audiences of all ages, we promote diversity and inclusivity for the enjoyment of everyone.

Our 2022 lineup features emerging and established artists, singer-songwriters and bands – a wealth of great talent that includes Melbourne Ska Orchestra, Little Georgia, Little Quirks, Matt Joe Gow and the Dead Leaves, Nicky Bomba (MC), Charm of Finches, Tulliah and more.

Brought to fruition by the music lovers who established and run the popular Music on the Hill (MOTH) events in Red Hill, Hinterland Music Festival is set to be an essential addition to the Victorian music festival calendar.

Red Hill has punched above its weight music-wise for years. From the Harvest Festival in the early 2000s through to the success of MOTH – which has hosted stellar acts such as the Teskey Brothers, Archie Roach, Dan Sultan, Lisa Mitchell, Stella Donnelly, Greta Ray and Chris Wilson – attendances have shown that locals support great music on their home patch. And that audiences are willing to travel to Red Hill to experience something special.

Festival Director Robin Griffiths explained the inspiration behind the new venture.

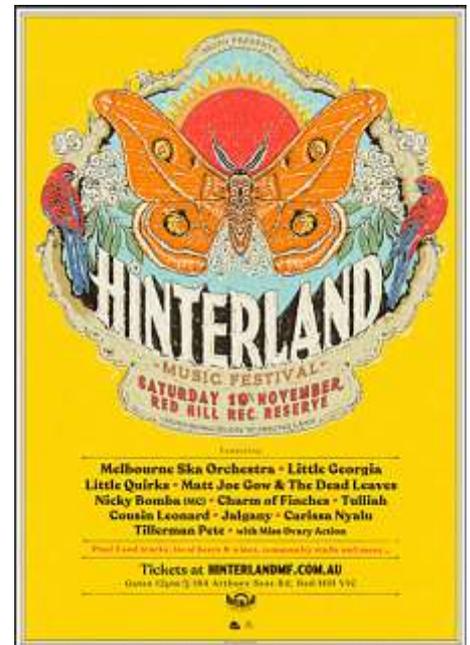
“Our goal has always been to host great musical acts in an environment where they can really shine – where the audience actually listens to the music,” he said. “This approach is behind the success of MOTH and the idea that became this festival.

“It’s a two-way street. Punters get a better experience and artists love the fact that they are respected in this way. That’s why we’ve been able to attract such a great line-up for our first year.”

The Hinterland Music Festival's main stage will feature established, internationally touring artists, and the second will provide emerging and established local artists with the freedom to showcase original material. All artists have the chance to share their music and stories with the audience.

While the focus is definitely on quality music, the Hinterland Music Festival has more to offer. Attendees will be able to joy a great selection of local craft beers, fine wines and spirits, dine on delicious food truck offerings and (of course) sip on a brew from our coffee cart. Local groups such as Scouts and Lions Club will also join in, with profits going back into the local community. Sustainability will be front and centre in all planning.

Then on 20 November, the celebrations continue with a small number of Sunday sessions at local venues – so it’s worth staying on the Hill for the weekend and experiencing everything this great region has to offer.



The Hinterland Music Festival will be a day to sit back under the trees, relax with friends and listen to world-class music in an idyllic regional setting.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Red Hill in November.

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