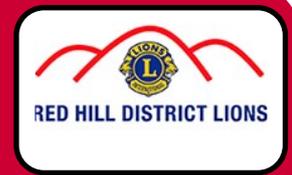


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## WHAT'S ON

### 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

## NOVEMBER

4 RHCA COFFEE CATCHUP  
9:30 FOOD ON TH HILL

5 RED HILL MARKET

5 Tinalley String Quartet  
Peninsula Community  
Theatre

11 Remembrance Day Service  
Red Hill

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## DECEMBER

3 RED HILL MARKET

10 CHRISTMAS TREE  
FESTIVAL

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## FEBRUARY

25 11:30am:  
RED HILL STATION  
OPENING

12pm:

FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

## Red Hill Railway Station on Track!



Opening Day December 2 1921 Crowd waiting on the platform

An interpretive Red Hill train station shelter is on track to be finished by the end of the year.

Built in the same style and in the same location as the original for the 1921 opening, it is located on the Red Hill to Merricks rail trail.

The shelter and station platform are an exciting tribute to Red Hill's past railway journey.

An official opening ceremony will take place on **Saturday 25 February 2023 at 11.30am**. Mark the date in your diary and then you can pop over to the free annual Red Hill Community Barbeque in the community park from 12pm.

The shelter will have a red corrugated roof with some weatherboard sides and feature information panels reflecting the remarkable history and acknowledging those involved in the construction of the line, the workers and engineers, and the Red Hill and Main Ridge farmers reliant on the rail service. The standard of the lorries and roads back in the 1920's called for a reliable rail service for the food and timber producers and passengers.

The Bittern-Red Hill Railway recently celebrated its centenary and was originally opened on 2 December 1921 after more than 40 years of campaigning by the local fruit growers.

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

There will be Red Hill station signage, fencing and the shelter will have seating that looks out on the adjacent bushland reserve on one side and the Red Hill bike skills park on the other side.

The works are part of the planned stage 2 re-development of the Red Hill Station Reserve funded by Mornington Peninsula Shire and organised by the Red Hill Community Association. Croftwootton Construction is building the shelter.



Train Station interpretive shelter under construction

Deadline for Issue 84

DECEMBER 1

Please email articles, dates of events, photos to

[lionsnewsletter1@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnewsletter1@gmail.com)

Include events for  
Jan, Feb, March 2023

Bendigo Bank

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Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday December 10

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# NEW TEAM LEADER AT RED HILL PHARMACY BUT TEAM STAYS ON



**Retiring Red Hill pharmacist Robert Nickels (right) hands over to new owner Ayman Ekladios.**

After serving this community for 31 years, Robert Nickels, Red Hill's only pharmacist, retired on September 30.

The new owner is 39 year old Ayman Ekladios. Egyptian born and educated he graduated as a pharmacist in 2005 and when he moved to Australia in 2010 he passed the required examination to become a registered pharmacist in Australia. For the past 10 years he has worked in all parts of Victoria as a locum pharmacist.

"My motivation for buying this pharmacy in Red Hill, apart from the wonderful Peninsula environment, is that I prefer to work in a small community pharmacy rather than in one of the big chains. This way I get to know my customers and build a relationship with them," Ayman said.

With changeover assistance from Robert in the first few days of October Ayman took over the reins, pleased to know that the rest of the pharmacy team would stay on. Michael Poda will work as the pharmacist on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week while Lorraine, who has worked in pharmacies since the age of 16, and Lisa, will give their usual pleasant

attention to the front of house. Ayman is glad that this will allow the usual friendly atmosphere of the shop to continue.

Robert Nickels is known for being a very effective explainer. "There is more to it than sticking a label on a packet or bottle," he said. "When people come from the doctor with a script they like to be given more information, especially if a new medication has been prescribed. Sometimes we have to sort out 'old wives tales' and provide evidence based health advice. As pharmacists we must know what the drugs do and if we don't know immediately we know where to find out".

Robert was also aware that many people with ailments made the pharmacy their first port of call and as the pharmacist he often played a triage role i. e. is the customer's health condition one that can be fixed by the pharmacist or is a doctor required? In this context a good working relationship with the doctors at the Red Hill Medical Centre meant that there was co-operation.

"We helped each other," he said.

"Being friendly and approachable is

important so that customers feel comfortable discussing their health issues," Robert said.

Ayman embraces the same philosophy. "I will not be a copy of Robert but in doing things in my own way I hope that I will engage the confidence of the customers and continue to provide the same high standard of service and advice that people have come to expect from this pharmacy," he said.

Ayman lives in Cranbourne West with his wife Lidya and their three year old son, Raphael. Lidya is also a pharmacist, manager of Chemist Warehouse in Frankston.

So, it seems that it will be very much business as usual at the Red Hill Pharmacy. One small change is the opening hours on Sunday. The usual two hour opening session will remain but instead of 10am to 12 Ayman will be there from 9.30am to 11.30am.

– RB.

**Footnote: Robert Nickels has been a Gold Sponsor of this newsletter since its inception in 2009. Hill n Ridge is pleased that Ayman will continue with that sponsorship.**



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

**\*\*Congratulations to the Red Hill District Lions on establishing a commemorative Garden at the Main Ridge Hall to mark 75 years of Lions Club service in Australia.**

**\*\*It is essential that Council and other authorities treat the approaching storm season with all the respect and preparation that is necessary, including keeping open digital communication channels. Safety and response times must receive priority and resources. Community input has been sought and I expect that any emergencies will be handled much better than was the case with last year's big storm.**

**\*\*Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula has \$6.2 billion (\$22,823 a person) worth of infrastructure projects in the pipeline mainly from political funding as we head into the State election in November.**

**Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula has only \$0.72 billion (\$2317 a person) with a greater population than Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula; this is simply lopsided.**

**Our local politicians are letting us down. The money is spent on roads, Public Transport, housing needs, hospitals, and other health services, libraries, environmental protection including erosion control, schools, Police, Aged Care and much more where we are grossly underfunded. In the meantime, our community facilities are waiting a long time for the renewals**

and maintenance that they deserve. Even to get on a priority list for funding in the next few years has become extremely difficult.

**\*\*It is a great shame that the Mobile Library Bus Service that our community sought to have restored is still not operating. It is on last year's budget and should be a priority given the distance to libraries from our hinterland and coastal areas.**

**\*\*Our community has rallied around Saving Fenton Hall. It is now well covered by a Heritage protection overlay and maintenance works are budgeted by Council. This is a long way from Council plans, found in the budget, to quietly demolish the building two years ago.**

**\*\*Local Projects undertaken by Council.**

- Red Hill Mechanics Hall, public toilet completed
- New cricket nets completed at Main Ridge Recreation Reserve
- Pedestrian link and refuge at Arthurs Seat underway
- Oval rehabilitation planned at Main Ridge Recreation Reserve
- Planned Red Hill Recreation Reserve Pavilion extension
- Main Ridge tennis courts and drainage upgrade plus carpark renewal
- Red Hill Station Reserve shelter underway

**\*\*Meals on Wheels, originally sponsored by Rotary, was 50 years old on the 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

Now sponsored by Council it is still going strong.



Stay safe.  
Regards,  
David. [david.gill@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.gill@mornpen.vic.gov.au)



## Repower Red Hill Launch Success

The September 25 launch of Repower Red Hill was a highly successful start according to foundation members, with 40 residents from Red Hill, Main Ridge and Arthurs Seat attending.

The new Red Hill 'satellite' group of Repower MP is now set to evolve with ongoing discussions among locals about the challenges, potential solutions and current initiatives specific to our region's switch from fossil fuel to clean, renewable energy.

According to foundation member Michael Hund: "We were very pleased with the excellent turnout".

The launch included a fascinating presentation by Warwick Beard, Vice President of Repower Mornington Peninsula.

"As those who attended will have gathered from the presentation and the Q&A following, there are many opportunities ahead of us, some simple, some complex," Michael said.

"We now need to get organised, establish some committees and responsibilities such as communications, meeting management, objectives and timelines."

Regular group meeting dates will soon be set and locals are urged to take an active role in the group's evolution – Hill & Ridge readers who couldn't make the launch are encouraged to join via the group website and stay up-to-date via Hill & Ridge and the Repower facebook page.

"Membership supports our local efforts, as well as efforts across the Peninsula."

Repower is a not-for-profit community initiative which aims to accelerate the decarbonisation of the Mornington Peninsula in an equitable way.

A key 2030 group mission is to cut energy-derived carbon emissions by 70%.

A short term focus campaign for the group is to increase the number of hinterland properties converting to clean solar energy, and further investigate battery installation/technology.

Learn more about Repower Mornington Peninsula and join:

[www.repowermornpen.org.au](http://www.repowermornpen.org.au)

Follow the Repower Red Hill satellite group's progress via facebook: repowermornpen

Email foundation group members with any questions: [redhill@repowermornpen.org.au](mailto:redhill@repowermornpen.org.au)



Repower MP Vice President Warwick Beard addresses Repower Red Hill launch attendees at Mechanics Hall

# GALLACE FAMILY STILL CHASING ‘THE PERFECT STRAWBERRY’

Mick Gallace’s life-long challenge to grow the ‘perfect strawberry’ was the thing that lured him and his family into buying back part of the Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm that he sold in 2016. That, and the fact that his two children, Matt and Nicole, are willing to take up the challenge as well.

So, when the Chinese owners made the offer of a buy-back the Gallace family had a round table discussion and decided to buy the café, packing shed and surrounding paddock on the corner of Shands Road and Mornington-Flinders Road and the block on the opposite corner. This covers about 50 acres altogether and has the sentimental attraction of being the original Gallace family farm.

The reborn customer-focused Gallace enterprise will be headed by Matt, under the name of Rocky Creek Farm. Sunny Ridge will retain some of the paddocks in Mornington-Flinders Road along with its interstate properties and keep Sunny Ridge as its brand name with its product mainly available in supermarkets.

Limited renovation and sprucing up of the café was undertaken ready for an opening on October 29. The Rocky Creek U pick operation will commence around mid-November. Open every day, everything on the menu in the café will have a strawberry content or connection. Plans are being developed to extend the café next year by removing the packing sheds at the back of the present café and allowing café patrons to have a better view over the strawberry planted paddocks, rather than looking out on the carpark.

Adjoining the café there will be a cellar door outlet for Cheeky Rascal cider operated by Michael Jarman. It is a scaled back version of a business which Matt developed, with Michael working alongside him in recent years.

But what about the actual strawberries?

Matt explains that a strawberry plant grown to produce quantity can yield about 1.5 kg per plant. Grown for flavour a plant will yield about 900 grams. With flavour as the goal the

Rocky Creek paddocks have been replanted with their own Albion variety which Matt says is the best tasting strawberry on the market today. A section of the Gallace avocado farm at Boneo is used to trial and develop different varieties and are sold under a Moonah Ridge label, supplying outlets such as Tully’s and Torello’s.

When it comes to development of varieties Nicole plays a key role. “My sister lives in Belgium and she finds varieties in Europe and cross pollinates the seeds and sends them here for us to propagate. She comes out once a year and we test our trialled varieties for flavour, aroma, sugar content, appearance, juiciness, firmness and yield. It could take 10 years to get a variety ready and commercially viable for the market,” Matt said.

Of course, Mick, now 72, will be on the scene. “I will be the consultant and mentor and with all my experience I think I am well qualified to play that role. Our aim is pretty simple. We just want to give people a top tasting eating experience,” he said. – RB.

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Flooding impacts have now increased to cover many parts of Victoria, including metropolitan Melbourne, Tasmania and extended areas of New South Wales. With the agreement of Council Chairperson Steve Boyce, the Australian Lions Foundation is expanding its existing Flood Appeal to include all of these newly affected areas.

Feedback coming from all States indicates that many individuals and communities have been impacted severely and there will be a need for our support once areas of concern are identified. As Lions we are always there to support and will be prepared to do so when we are called upon. The Australian Lions Foundation will be there to support through our network of Lions Clubs on the ground.

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Tony Benbow  
 ALF Chairman

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## Red Hill Op Shop - A gentle changing of the Guard . . .

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting, the Red Hill Op Shop Volunteers warmly welcomed in a new committee:- Jane Reynolds; Deidre Gillespie; Robyn Allen; Ruth Johns; Sue Brooks; Richard Keogh; Gail Smith; Denise Setter; and Denise Kempster. Outgoing President Felicity Jackson and Shop Coordinator, Marion Trevallyn were generously thanked for their leadership over the past ten years and for the many initiatives they implemented.

Hard acts to follow, but Jane and the new committee are already working hard to ensure that our Shop remains at the top of the list when people think of Op Shops to visit!

The Op Shop remains committed to repurposing the many donations we receive and we thank all of those who support us. Our premises, provided by the Booker Family Trust, is the perfect setting for our shop and we are forever grateful for their support.

Without a doubt, affordability is our main focus. You will not find better quality items with keener pricing anywhere on the Peninsula. With an amazing array of items constantly changing, our volunteers are meticulous in presenting items that can be rehomed. We love seeing the range of clothing, sports gear, manchester, jewellery, books, toys, art and bric a brac on offer. You can always find something unique!

Monies raised each month are directed to Peninsula Home Hospice which facilitates palliative care in the home. An incredible organisation providing an extraordinary service to our community. The Op shop also supports local community organisations and is open to funding requests.

Pop in and visit us soon at 33 Mechanics Road, Red Hill South. We are open 10 am – 1 pm Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat mornings.

Follow us on [www.facebook.com/redhillopshop](https://www.facebook.com/redhillopshop) or email us [redhillopshop@gmail.com](mailto:redhillopshop@gmail.com);  
Kerri Egan, Red Hill Op Shop

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY December 10

### What will you enter this year ?

*Businesses, Sporting Clubs, Social Groups, Special Interest Groups, Schools and all age groups are encouraged to enter and join in this fun community event.*

Will it be a tree, a wreath, a table setting, or even a decorated Christmas cake? Or in fact anything Christmassy!

Entries must be original, and hand made.

They can represent your hobbies, business interests, sporting interests, clubs, the area you live - the beach, the countryside, the hinterland.

This year there will be lots of craft activities for students, fun activities for children to take part in, pinatas, a trading table of fantastic goodies including cakes and puddings, a super raffle, with great prizes, viewing and voting for your favourite entry and a varied music program through out the day.

The CFA will be present with their fire truck and activities. And the list doesn't stop there!

The Lions BBQ trailer will be operating and there will be quiet spots to sit and observe the crowd.

Donations to the trading table would be appreciated. (all food must have itemised list of ingredients included.)

The Lions Club are looking for some extra hands to assist both on the day and in the planning, so if you would like to be part of the action, please email us at [redhillviclions@gmail.com](mailto:redhillviclions@gmail.com) or ring 0427551890 - we look forward to hearing from you.

Entry forms can be found on the Red Hill District Lions website or by contacting the above email.

Why not work with your family or a friend to build an entry - it is a lot of fun to work with someone else and express your creativity.

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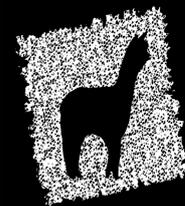
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## SINGING FOR FUN IN RED HILL

LGL Singers is a 'singing for fun', with a few challenges along the way, female group who meet to sing and enjoy music and the company of each other for an hour and a quarter on every alternate Tuesday morning. Afterwards we go to the Red Hill Bakery in Red Hill for coffee. We are always looking for new ladies to join with us and if you are interested you can contact Jenny McIlroy by email: [jennymac1943@gmail.com](mailto:jennymac1943@gmail.com) and she will let you know details of the singing sessions.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December they will be presenting a 'Pot Pourrie Christmas' at the Red Hill Café and Wine Bar in Red Hill. It will be a mixture of Christmas Songs, Christmas Carols and a couple of songs they have been singing during the year. Everyone is invited to join in with the singing. They have been singing at Christmas at the bakery since 2014 apart from during Covid, of course.

Grab a coffee and enjoy the Christmas music with them. Everyone is welcome.

Jenny McIlroy 0455 039154

## LOCAL PLAYER TASTES BADMINTON SUCCESS

At the 2022 Masters National Badminton Championships held in Ballarat on the weekend of 30 September to 2 October, local Kiniki Stirling was successful, winning bronze in over 65 years Women's Singles and another bronze in over 55 years Women's Doubles with her regular doubles partner Sandy McIntyre, from Mt Martha.



Kiniki Stirling at the championships

Kiniki and her badminton team, the 'Shuttlebutts', went to Hamilton - about an hour from Auckland, New Zealand to compete in a weeklong tournament-Atalanta Jamboree - from 16-22 October. This event welcomes female players from Australia and New Zealand based clubs. Atalanta, in Greek mythology, is a renowned and swift footed huntress.



Sandy and Kiniki celebrating their success in the doubles

## CHAMPION BOWLER DIES AGED 100

Cesare Bonacini, a Life Member and champion bowler at Main Ridge Bowls and Petanque Club, died on September 13, just a few weeks after his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday had been celebrated at the Clubhouse.

Known affectionately as Caesar – and the Bowls Club referred to as 'Caesar's Palace'– he won five men's singles Club championships, all in the twilight years of his life. In 2020/21, aged 98, he teamed with Lee Mellett to win the Club's pair's title. Last season, aged 99, he was beaten by a single shot in the pair's final.

At a function for his 97th birthday, Cesare, normally a man of few words, made a short speech. He said he had made two important decisions in his life.

One was to migrate from Italy to Australia, the other to join the Main Ridge Bowls Club.

He was farewelled at a well-attended memorial service at the Clubhouse on September 25.



Cesare Bonacini at his 100th birthday

## SHIRE CEO OUTLINES PLANS FOR PENINSULA

John Baker, CEO, Mornington Peninsula Shire, was the special guest at the recent Red Hill Community Association's (RHCA) Annual General Meeting.

John talked about his three years at the shire, its future plans and priorities and he highlighted the funding challenges for the Mornington Peninsula.

The shire has been running a 'Shout Out' campaign as part of its advocacy to secure promises of funding from candidates in the peninsula's three electorates in the lead-up to the November state election. The 10 priorities include affordable housing, mobile coverage, public transport and more.

John encouraged all of us to help the shire by advocating to local candidates and relevant government departments to ensure the messages gives us better opportunities for investment and growth. For more details, visit the website at <http://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/shout-out-peninsula>.

John also acknowledged the shire's slow response to the storm that wreaked havoc in the hills last October and learnings they have put in place, as well as plans to decentralise some shire functions back to local communities. He responded openly and honestly to questions from the 30-strong audience.

Carolynn Massola was re-elected unopposed as RHCA President, Kerry Watson as Vice President, David Maddocks as Treasurer and Jane Reynolds as Secretary. The committee includes John Eldridge, Bruce Kiloh, Rob Commerford and welcomes Brett Trebilcock.

You can read the RHCA Presidents' Report for last year on the website and support the community association for \$30 per family annually. Visit [www.redhillcommunityassociation.com](http://www.redhillcommunityassociation.com).

RHCA gives a voice to the Red Hill and Red Hill South community, aiming to foster an informed and active community, to advocate on your behalf and protect and preserve the rural character of our area.

Kerry Watson  
RHCA

## GOLF RED HILL

Red Hill Consolidated School will be holding its inaugural Golf Day on Friday 25 November at the Flinders Golf Club.

It will be an Ambrose style event for a day of fun and social connection.

In an Ambrose competition, groups of four players work as a team. Each player hits off the tee, the best shot is selected, and all other players pick up their ball and place it, within one handspan, alongside the best ball. Each person then hits a second shot from the same spot.

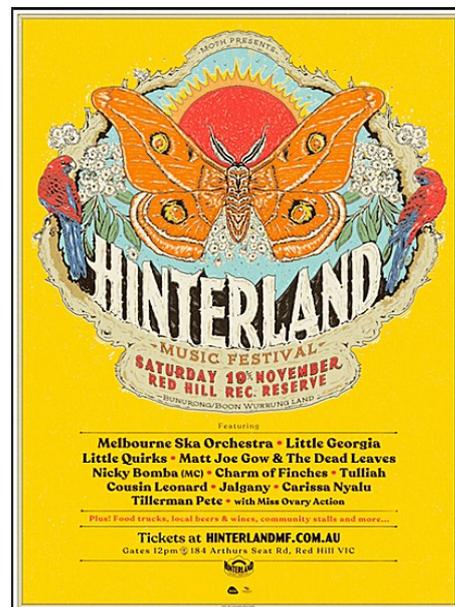
It's a lot of fun and the emphasis will be on enjoying yourself.

All funds raised will support Red Hill Consolidated School

You can enter as a team or individually, so why not get some friends together and join in.

Golf will be followed by Gourmet BBQ and drinks, and including games, prizes, and raffles.

If you would like to join in, give James Date a call on **0412 812 784** for more information.



# PLANNING WELL ADVANCED FOR 2023 RED HILL SHOW

For all those people who love the Red Hill Show, there are many more reasons to get on board now and start planning for 2023.

This year was by far our most outstanding show with record crowds passing through gates on the most glorious March day. Patrons enjoyed all the FREE attractions, rides, activities, events, Mornington Peninsula Food paddock, Horticultural Zone and viewing the vast array of agricultural displays! There was so much to do and to see, and people loved every minute of it! Feedback was superb.

Well, in 2023 we want to do a better job. The Committee is already in full swing planning a bigger and better show for the Long weekend in March 2023. Please mark it in your diaries and plan to be part of this extraordinary event.

We are hoping to attract more junior participants next year, and we are looking for more people to submit their

art, their craft, their cooking and their floral and gardening produce.

We are delighted to announce that we have a number of sponsors who are keen to encourage young ones to participate, and there are many cash prizes to win!

In addition to the prizes being added to the mix, the committee have also decided to drop the entry fees for all junior categories. How's that as an incentive?

If you have ever considered having your children or grandchildren participate in the show in any area, this is the time to start thinking about how they can be part of the best agricultural event on the Peninsula – dare I say in Victoria!!!! We would love their participation and your support for them.

To get a taste of what is coming up, please go to [redhillshow.com.au](http://redhillshow.com.au)

*Kerri Egan – Red Hill Show Committee*

## KARAMU, KARAMU, KARAMU!

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, over forty people attended a fabulous day in Red Hill South learning how to identify and control the highly invasive tree, karamu (*Coprosma robusta*), which has been introduced from New Zealand and is causing immense environmental damage across Red Hill, Main Ridge and Flinders. Attendees were welcomed by Jane Edmanson, ABC's Gardening Australia presenter. Jane had attended this property in 2021 to film a segment about karamu for Gardening Australia, where she was overwhelmed by the damage and impact it was having on our local environments.



*Amanda Jane Breidahl presented flowers to Jane Edmanson to say thankyou*

several years undertaking karamu eradication programs in the area and raising awareness of its devastating effects.

For those who want to learn more about karamu in our area, please watch these three short videos

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/weeding-out-karamu/13563636>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eE5iYJGb1U&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA7WGLC0ZLs>



Everyone put their new-found knowledge to good use and helped the landholders by removing another section of karamu. Red Hill Lions very kindly catered for the event and provided a fabulous spread, for which the hungry workers were very grateful.

The day was hosted by Main Creek Catchment and Red Hill South Landcare Groups, who have been working hard for



*Landcare members removing Karamu on the day*

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The Returned Sailors and Soldiers League of Australia (later renamed to include airmen) was formed in Melbourne in 1916 and hoped to enrol all returned warriors. It was decided to start a branch at Flinders. 5 March 1920. In 1922, Dromana became a sub-branch. The Red Hill boys were given their own charter in 1947.

## 2022 - THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNVEILING OF THE FLINDERS WW1 MEMORIAL and 11 NOVEMBER 2022



'Memorials remain a special place for grieving relatives of lost loved ones to sit and contemplate their bereavements.' When it was unveiled on 8 January 1922, it was known as the Flinders Soldiers Memorial. It had been necessary to raise £300 to build the handsome memorial. Donations were requested and functions including Balls and Concerts were organised.

'FLINDERS LETTER' 15 January 1920

*You can imagine the delirious excitement, Mrs Holland was engineering in preparation for the bazaar.* This raised £80 for the fund.

Henry Tuck(1845-1930) in his 1922 poem mourns the death of two of his sons William and Henry and his nephews, Henry Kennedy and John Tuck. He pays tribute to all those whose names are engraved on the memorial.

*'Unveil the monument, uncover every head*

*Give honour to the living and reverence to the dead.*

*This is the lasting tribute which the Flinders people give*

*That the names of those engraven here for the centuries may live.*

### WW1

Once again the men of the district answered the call. Cars were put upon blocks, tools put away and the men went away leaving their properties in the care of families, wives and others. One who enlisted on 25 March 1941 was **David Robert Holmes**, born 1918 son of R H Holmes who gave his occupation as a farm hand.

Gr Signalman V37932 D R Holmes, Dromana 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 1358 days total service, and discharged 10 October 1945. This included 788 days outside Australia - in Milne Bay, New Guinea and New Britain.



This ukulele was made by Signalman David Holmes while stationed just south of Jacquinet Bay on the Island of New Britain. It was made out of a cake tin his mother had sent. Various parts came from wrecked planes and 305 bullets were also used. It was used quite often by fellow troops who borrowed it for a fun night. It is on display at the Dromana & District Historical Society Museum.

Later David was a member of Red Hill Proboscis, which received this letter from Jenny Holmes, his daughter-in-law.

*My father-in-law is 98. Imagine never being able to talk about the nightmares you experienced over 70 years ago as it was considered something you should put behind you. Every single night and often during the day he relives the WW2 nightmare, he confirmed to his son Graeme, last week.*

*Just imagine.*

*Jenny*

Of his service, David recalled. . .

*You end up on the frontline not because you are infantry carrying weapons, but because your speciality is communications. Carrying huge radios and coils of wire, your job is to lay cables so command can be in contact with troops on the front line. The enemy know your role and are hell bent on stopping you, using snipers and booby traps. Imagine living in total fear every day, your clothes are almost rotting on your body as there is no time to launder them and even when you do, they cannot dry due to the constant tropical rain. Within three short months of your service you have 33 of your mates killed and many wounded.*

*Sometimes you believe you are still there and take evasive action, but the nightmares never go away. You have never told your family but every night as you sleep you are woken by the same nightmare. Today it would be recognised as Post-Traumatic Stress disorder.*



When growing up in Red Hill, David became interested in nature. A positive memory of his time in New Guinea was the magnificent butterfly fauna. When he returned to Australia, butterfly and moth collecting became his passion. David and his wife, Joyce, ran a fruit orchard at Red Hill, until he retired in 1978 to further his collecting. Each year they would take family members to various parts of Australia to collect butterflies. David also swapped, traded and purchased overseas specimens from dealers and other avid collectors. Known as **the butterfly man** he made enough money to support his hobby and donated part of his extensive butterfly and moth collection to the museum. Science values his collection which is now on a data base and is available to scientists around the world. David's collection can be viewed, in part, at the Museum. Many local family members have framed specimens on display.

He was a Life Member of the Entomological Society of Victoria

*The butterfly in many cultures is symbolic of change, renewal, hope, endurance and courage.*

Acknowledgements:

2012 David Holmes *Le Chasseur de Papillons*, Hill 'n' Ridge Issue 19, Graeme and Jenny Holmes  
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**Red Hill District Lions Club**  
is actively seeking people interested in supporting our community.

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

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# Celebrating 75 years of Lions in Australia



Displays at Red Hill South and Main Ridge celebrated the 75th anniversary of Lions in Australia in September  
Lions built a hay bale Lion in Red Hill South and built an indigenous garden at the Main Ridge Hall  
Thank you to the following businesses for their support

- Enplant Garden Design
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- And the kind person who pulled us out of the drain when we were bogged !
- Red Hill Garden & Farm
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- Pat Morissey Agricultural Services
- Rock and Red Gum
- Main Ridge Men's Shed



Michael Leeworthy, Rob Connor, Robin Griffiths and Nicky Spore from Red Hill Café & Wine Bar at the RUOK event .

## RUOK EVENT

35 people who attended the event at the Red Hill Café and Winebar for RUOK day heard an interesting presentation from Jeanette Horsley, Manager of Jimmy's Youth Wellbeing Sanctuary Centre in Rosebud. She is also a qualified presenter of Mental Health First Aid courses and engaged the audience in a discussion on how to support those in need.



Jeanette Horsley from Jimmy's Youth Wellbeing Sanctuary

## Lions Complete Traffic Training Course

Thirty members of Red Hill District Lions and Flinders District Lions undertook a full day training course in Traffic management to enable them to control traffic at events including the Red Hill Market.

Lions were trained in the use of stop/slow bats and implementing traffic plans. " Not all members work on the roads but it good to have 30 people complete the training," said Rob Connor traffic and parking coordinator for Red Hill Lions. Training was conducted by COVE, who are approved by Vic Roads, This training comes at a considerable cost which was partially met by a MPSC grant.

Those parking attendants that work inside the reserve do not need to have completed the training, but are trained internally.



Geoff Taylor, Flinders, and Rob Connor, Red Hill, practice using the stop/ slow bat



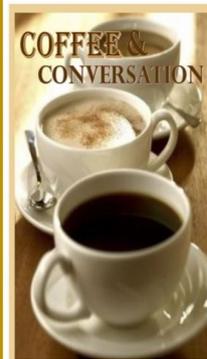
Lions supplied lunch for the Landcare groups Karamu workshop with Jane Edmans



Christine Gregory, Red Hill, being instructed on the use of the stop/slow bat, and use of hand signals.

Tony from COVE training explaining complex traffic plans and how To set out and remove signs







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## New Mural at Food on the Hill Draws Admiration from Customers.



A new mural adorns the walls of the Food on the Hill café in Red Hill South.

Chris Stamellos, proprietor of the café approached Simon White, a contemporary artist known for his large scale murals, classic portraits, landscapes, and urban street scenes, to paint a mural with a theme to suit his Greek inspired café.

Simon painted the panels to go on the exterior wall of the café using the idea of looking inside a Greek café.

"I wanted to create something happy and inviting, so I added a Yiayia and Pappou," said Simon.

Chris and his patrons are indeed happy with the result.

Why not drop in, have a coffee or a bite to eat and admire the result!

Shop 10/159 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South 3937.  
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*Chris and Simon with their newly installed mural*

## Main Ridge Men's Shed Support Shorebirds Art Installation

Several Mornington Peninsula Community Groups are collaborating to create "The Flock", an installation of colourful painted plywood birds at Saltbush, Balnarring Beach.

The idea of The Flock originated with the Pukorokoro Migratory Shorebird Centre in New Zealand. Saltbush is a not-for-profit charity that recently hosted artist Kate Goringe-Smith as an artist in residence. Kate suggested The Flock as a fun and collaborative way to build awareness of migratory shore birds and their habitats.

Saltbush approached the Main Ridge Men's Shed, who agreed to create hundreds of plywood birds of different shapes, some with posts for 'planting'. They also provided a lovely morning tea, which was enjoyed by the Saltbush Staff J.

Students from Star of the Sea College, staying at Saltbush, helped paint about 60 birds. Another 80 birds will be painted at the Flinders Fringe Festival on the 17-19 February. The "Flocks" will be installed at Saltbush, providing a colourful welcome for guests, who are primarily families and individuals experiencing hardship.

Whilst painting "The Flock" students and the community can learn about the variety of migratory shore birds visiting the Mornington Peninsula and how they can participate in protecting habitat.



Cut out birds made by Men's Shed



Birds were painted by students staying at Saltbush



Painted Birds installed at the beach



Hill 'n' Ridge

## Swiss Festival at Pig and Whistle

Brilliant sunshine awaited the big crowd at the recently held Swiss Festival at the beautiful grounds of the Pig & Whistle Tavern in Main Ridge on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

The Swiss Festival has a long tradition amongst the Swiss Community in Melbourne and surrounds, celebrating Swiss Culture. Families with kids, and friends of Swiss culture came together to celebrate and showcase traditional values of Switzerland, food and drink, entertainment incl. yodelling, alphorn blowing, folk dancing in traditional dress and choir music. This year's theme was 'Say Cheese! . . .or Chocolate' and visitors were able to indulge in these most famous of Swiss foods.

Ever seen a Bernese Mountain Dog – well, these beautiful dogs and a 3-month-old puppy had their big day at the festival and received a lot of cuddles from the many happy visitors. Raffle tickets were also sold and the first prize, a trip in Switzerland incl. hotel nights, mountain railways and an 8-day Swiss Travel Pass in first class for two was won by a lucky person on the day.

The Red Hill District Lions Club volunteered with parking management at the venue. The Swiss Festival is organised by volunteers who meet regularly.

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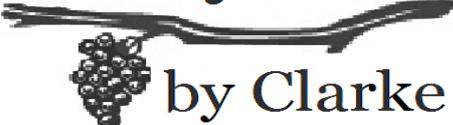
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