



# Red Hats Victoria Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Red Hats Victoria newsletter. We aim to bring one of these out every 3 months. The newsletter will keep you up to date with what is happening around Victoria and give you something fun to read!

Newsletters like this need your help though, so please send in your favourite recipes, any poems or songs you have written, craft ideas - whatever you think other ladies might be interested in reading!

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<http://www.redhatsvictoria.com/newsletter>



## Upcoming Events

You can see the full calender of events here:

<http://www.redhatsvictoria.com/events>

### 2015

**March 29th** - (Shepparton) - [Regional Red Hat Picnic](#)

**April 17th-19th** - (Melbourne) - [Fashion Through the Ages](#)

**July 25th** - (Bendigo) - [Aussie Red Hats Day](#)

**Sept 12th** - (Lavington) - [Purple Power Surge Girls 10th Birthday Disco](#)

**October 16th-17th** - (Eltham) - [Borough Beauties Masked Ball](#)

### 2016

**April 10th-12th** - (Bendigo) - [Golden Girls Bendigo](#)

# Latest Hoots!

## Annual Melbourne Picnic



The weather was rather warm, but the ladies who braved the heat seemed to enjoy themselves! It was fantastic to meet everyone.

Queen Maus (from the Borough Beauties) has asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of her umbrella which was lost on the day. It is purple with pictures of red hats on it (non collapsible).



### *Ageless Angels Scavenger Hunt*

*"The Ageless Angels had a Scavenger hunt in the Shepparton CBD on Wednesday. It ended at Cellar 47 for lunch. Great fun".*

### *The lambs of One Ewe Christmas lunch*

*"Great time with Lady play a lot on the piano and the rest singing Xmas songs. We were going to skip around the maypole but it was a bit warm".*



## *"Meet the Queen"*

Queen Stormy Daze is our newest Queen, having just started a Chapter in Boronia. We asked Queen Stormy Daze to tell us a little about herself:

*"Queen Stormy Daze so chosen because I am a mad Melbourne Storm Fan.*

*I was born in Birkenhead in the UK came to Oz in 1969 with husband Les and sons Spencer and Shaun, subsequently produced daughter Jeni. Worked as a Prison Officer at Fairlea, Youth Officer at Winlaton and then Prison industry Supervisor, at Dhurringile Prison where my husband was Governor.*



*He retired in early 1990s so we moved to Toolamba and then to Shepparton in 2007, both of us had worked as Disability Support Officers in Shepparton Mooroopna, Numurkah. We lived in our caravan for a couple of years travelled Australia and in 2006 when we worked as Volunteers at the National transport Museum in Alice Springs we met Rik and John. In 2012 we attended the Australian Caravan Club National Muster in Mudgee and met Rik and John again. Rik is a Hatter in Hobart and she presented me with her hat (seen in the photo) when she left Mudgee and said Go girl*

*I read on Facebook .....your girlfriends will probably outlast your partner so make sure you have good ones! My husband and I laughed over it but he was most insistent that I become a Hatter. I joined Ageless Angels in Shep/Mooroopna in November 2013 and Lambs of 1Ewe in early 2014 as I had worked with most of the Lambs. In May my husband passed away, even when he was sick in hospital he insisted my Hatters took precedence. I love my Hatting and tell everyone I meet about them.*

*I made the decision to move to FTG to be nearer family and friends and was asked by some of the friends to start a Red Hat Chapter and that is how Rocking Rosellas came to be.*

*I love reading, counted cross stitch, being busy, socialising, knitting, watching good drama and Storm, I go to all the home games and State of Origin, and barrack for Queensland. I belong to Blue Ribbon Foundation and have transferred to the Melbourne Branch from Shepparton. I have two sons Spencer and Shaun, two daughters in law and four granddaughters and my darling daughter Jeni who has dyspraxia and still lives in a CRU in Shepparton."*

Thank you to Queen Stormy Daze for sharing her story with us! If you would like to share your story, please send it in to us!

# Crafty Corner



## Christmas Gift Boxes

We have created some templates for you to make your own little printable gift boxes. These are great for packaging small little gifts.

Available in both a Green & Red Christmas theme, and also a Red/Pink & Purple/Lavender theme.

We will be adding some non-Christmas themed boxes shortly as well. Find these and other craft ideas on our new **ARTICLES** page!

Download the gift boxes here:

<http://www.redhatsvictoria.com/articles/free-printable-xmas-gift-boxes>



## Red Hatting Word-Search

F E A T H E R S Y N F E P A T  
L T M X Q R D T G Z P Q H M T  
S A J R U U I P U R P L E A L  
R J U B S L E E Z Z X E H A B  
E J Y G O D B E L O C O V O L  
W T T V H M N L N I F E D K I  
O T I O Z T X E N R N V E I N  
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C J A H T X G H Y U J I B N S  
X Q P G E N Z D Q Y K A H L F  
R E T P A H C C V Y M Y K C T

BLING  
CHAPTER  
FEATHERS  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDS  
FRIVOLITY  
HAT  
HOOT  
LAUGHTER  
LAVENDER  
PICNIC  
PINK  
PURPLE  
QUEEN  
RED  
RUBY  
VICTORIA

# Fun Party Games!

## Christmas Quizz

Below are some brain-teasers. You need to solve the names to work out what Christmas songs these are (Find the answers at the end of the newsletter)

- 1). Quadruped with Crimson Proboscis
- 2). Eight P.M. to Six A.M. without Noise
- 3). Minuscule Hamlet in the Near East
- 4). Ancient Benevolent Despot
- 5). Exuberance Directed to the Planet
- 6). Listen, Aerial Spirits Harmonizing
- 7). Trio of Monarchs
- 8). Yonder in the Hay Rack
- 9). Cherubim Audited from Aloft
- 10). Assemble, Everyone Who Believes
- 11). Hollowed Post Meridian
- 12). Fantasia of a Colorless December 25
- 13). A Dozen Twenty-four Hour Yule Periods
- 14). Befell During the Transparent Bewitching Hour
- 15). Homo Sapien of Crystallized Vapor
- 16). Desire a Pair of Incisors on December 25
- 17). I Spied My Maternal Parent Osculating a fat man in red
- 18). Perambulating Through A December Solstice Fantasy
- 19). Adorn the vestibule
- 20). Tin tintinnabulums

## A Christmas to Remember

This is a fun idea for a "pass the parcel" type of game. Best played in a group of 4 or more, with 2 or more wrapped gifts. With everyone sitting around a table or sitting in a circle. A story is read out, and the parcels are moved around the table/circle according to when the words "right", "left" or "across" are read out. It is a lot of fun, with the parcels travelling back and forth around the group. When the story ends, those holding the parcels get to keep them. Lots of laughter.

Find the Story to read out here:

<http://www.redhatsvictoria.com/faq/a-christmas-eve-to-remember>



## Feedback & Suggestions

The Red Hats Victoria website, facebook group and newsletter are resources for you - the Red Hatting ladies of Victoria. So we would like to know what **you** would like to see and read about. So please let us know if you have any feedback or suggestions.

# Recipe Book

## "Rose Sharbat"

A lovely, refreshing Middle Eastern rose, pomegranate & cardamon drink.

### Ingredients:

1/4 cup lemon juice (strained to remove all pulp)  
1/2 cup fresh Rose petals and/or 2 tsp rose water  
3/4 Cup boiling Water  
1 Tsp Cardamom Seeds  
3/4 Cup Sugar  
1/3 Cup Pomegranate Juice

### Method:

Crush or finely chop the rose petals and put into a heatproof container (eg a large saucepan). Add the sugar and cardamon seeds. Pour the boiling water over this mixture and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Leave this to cool, then strain to remove the seeds and rose petals. Add the rest of the ingredients. Top up with 6 cups of water to make the drink. Serve chilled.

### Notes:

Make sure any rose petals you use are clean and free from any garden sprays! You can leave out the rose petals and just add the rose water if you prefer. I use the "POM" brand of pomegranate juice, but I have also tried this recipe with a different juice but it ended up bitter, so the brand of juice you buy can affect the flavour. Rose water and cardamon seeds should be found at Asian or Middle Eastern supermarkets.

This could make a lovely Christmas gift. Just make the drink without adding the final 6 cups of water and direct the recipient to add about 2-3 parts water to one part cordial - depending on their tastes.

## Share your recipes!

Have a recipe for something delicious that is red or purple coloured? please e-mail them to [redhatsvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:redhatsvictoria@gmail.com)



### Christmas Brain-Teaser answers:

1). Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer. 2). Silent Night. 3). Oh Little Town of Bethlehem. 4). Good King Wenceslas. 5) Joy To The World. 6) Hark, The Herald Angels Sing. 7) We Three Kings. 8) Away In The Manger. 9) Angels We Have Heard On High. 10) Come All Ye Faithful. 11) O Holy Night. 12) I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas. 13) The 12 Days of Christmas. 14) It Came Upon A Midnight Clear. 15) Frosty the Snowman. 16) All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth. 17) I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. 18) Walking In A Winter Wonderland. 19) Deck The Halls. 20) Silver Bells.