



Red Hats Victoria Newsletter

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Welcome to the Second 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!



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](#)

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

Sep 26th - (Albury) - [Queens 10th Anniversary Lunch](#)

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

November 15th - (Melbourne) - [Annual Victorian Red Hat Picnic](#)

2016

April 8th-10th - (Bendigo) - [Golden Galaxy Convention](#)

Please note the "Aussie Red Hats Day" event scheduled for the 25th July 2015 has been cancelled.

News From the Ruby Gumnuts!

The Ruby Gumnut Goddesses started 2015 with a rush of fun events. We have been out for lunch in Clyde North, made our own ice cream sundaes, went out for Thai in Syndal and went to Op Shop shopping and that was just in January!

We are a very busy chapter and have a lot of play dates listed in our calendar. Of course no one not even the Queen can attend every event. But we certainly do have fun when we do get together whether we are a group of four or fourteen.

In February, we said farewell to Empress Esmeralda, who passed away two days after celebrating her 80th birthday with her Red Hat friends and her family. She was an amazing lady attending many events during her long illness and she never uttered a word of complaint. Empress Esmeralda was a fun loving lady who made us laugh with her stories and witty sense of humour.



Last week on March 5th ten of us were very lucky to have Dee from Deelicious Dishes cook for us. Dee has a stall at the Mulgrave Farmers Market where he sells delicious spices for lovely selection of recipes. Dee cooked smoky paprika chicken wings and butter chicken for us. There was a great deal of laughter during the day as Dee wore a red hat so he would fit in with the group.

In the next couple of weeks we will be going for a ride on the Southern Cross Wheel in the city, visiting the Royal Botanic Cranbourne Gardens and off to the Yarra Valley to have morning tea, lunch and then dessert in three different locations. In April we are going to have morning tea at the Dame Nellie Melba Gardens. We shall dress very appropriately

In general Red Hat Chapters do not get involved in raising funds for charity but this year we will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea. We will be inviting other Red Hat Chapters to join in the fun. We have a quilt up for raffle, several silent auctions and lots of minor raffle prizes. We are hoping for a fine sunny day in early May.

We love being Red Hatters and hope to continue playing together for many more years.

News From the Rocking Rosellas!

The Rocking Rosellas of Boronia held its first Squawk in December last year. An amazing 18 ladies attended and adding the few who were sick or couldn't attend, we had about 21. It has now moulted down to 15 with Rosellas leaving and joining the nest. So far we have been fairly social, we went to see The Water Diviner as a "Chick Flick", not that any of us would describe it as that but we all enjoyed it.

It was found that holding our Squawks in a noisy coffee shop was not a good idea so we are moving around! One was held at the home of Vice Queen Nell when our teddy bears came along as well and spent the morning asleep in a heap on the coffee table. Last month we went to Eastwood Golf Club for a morning of Scottish Dancing and discovered that these ladies laugh as much as we do! Three of us joined them the following Monday Night for some dancing.

Morning Melodies was another thing we went to. The Empress of Elephants was ordering the coffee when the lady next to her said "Oh I tried Red Hats I went to Boronia but they were all too old", then she realised E of E was from there and she dribbled to a halt. When E of E came back and told we fell about laughing...the lady in question was sitting at the next table and she definitely didn't have as good a time as us "Oldies"!

In January Rocking Rosellas joined with Chirnside Chicks and had a real birdy of an Australian Day picnic lunch at Lilydale.

Our future flights are to The Dame Vera Lynn Tribute in Ringwood, a visit to the Melbourne Museum for the 1914 War Event, we are joining Gaggles of Giggles for a tip to the Jazz Museum, and having an afternoon tea to watch the movie Pride at the Queen's place. In August a few of us are flying to Norfolk Island to join in the Red Hat Celebrations. Several of us are also heading to Shepparton for the Regional picnic next Sunday!

Happy Hatting, Queen Stormy Daze.



Heavenly Red Hats

<http://heavenlyredhats.tictail.com>

Beautiful hats perfect for any occasion. We are Red Hat ladies from Bendigo who are committed to supplying quality products at an affordable price. We can also bring our hats to you. It's always such fun, visiting other chapters! We will travel to regional areas from Bendigo so please contact us to make arrangements to visit you.



Red Hatting Word-Search

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

BLING
BOA
BROOCH
COUNTESS
DESSERT
FEATHER
FEATHERS
HANDBAG
HAT
HIGH
LAUGHTER
PINK
PURPLE
QUEEN
RED
SHOES
SOCIETY
TEA
TIARA

Fun Party Games!

"Name that Pie"

(Which types of pie are these? Answers at the end of the newsletter)

- 1). Cinderella
- 2). Greedy
- 3). Palm tree
- 4). Little Bo Peep
- 5). Flowing river
- 6). Sour face
- 7). Monkey's
- 8). Uncle scrooge
- 9). Little Jack Horner
- 10). Up river
- 11). Type of material
- 12). Halloween
- 13). Adam & Eve
- 14). Children's
- 15). Hawaiian
- 16). Irish
- 17). Tom sawyer's
- 18). English complexion
- 19). Red nose
- 20). Pie in the sky
- 21). Coward
- 22). Shortcake's
- 23). Dried grape
- 24). Underwater

Recipe Book

"Red & Purple Coleslaw"

Give a regular coleslaw a Red Hatting makeover!

Method:

Finely slice or grate ½ a red cabbage. Peel, then grate an apple into the cabbage. Cut a pomegranate in half, squeeze half over the cabbage mixture (leave any seeds that fall in, but remove any white). Remove the seeds from the other half of the pomegranate and mix those through the cabbage, with 1tb olive oil, a pinch of salt & pepper and juice from ½ a lemon.

Share your recipes!

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



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<http://stores.ebay.com.au/Red-Hatters-Best-Buys-ainsley20-0>

I specialise in out of the ordinary bling ie. Black Friday, St. Patrick's Day, huge brooches for Red Hatter's and I do a lot of bridal parties. Also on [Quicksales](#)



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Answers:

Pumpkin, Pork, Date, Lamb, Currant, Lemon/Lime, Banana, Duck, Plum, Salmon, Chiffon, Pumpkin, Apple, Mud, Pineapple/Coconut, Potato, Huckleberry, Peach, Deer, Pigeon, Custard, Strawberry, Raisin/Currant/Sultana, Seafood.