



Red Hats Victoria Newsletter

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Welcome to the Red Hats Victoria newsletter. 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



Events around Victoria

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

- ◆ April 8-10 (Bendigo) **Golden Galaxy Convention**
- ◆ April 30-May 1 (Wantirna) **Arabian Nights & Majestic Days**
- ◆ July 25 (Aust Wide) **Aussie Red Hat Day**
- ◆ Nov 5-6 (Tumbarumba) **Gatsby Gaggle**



Events around Australia

<http://www.matildarose2.com/eventsfor2016.htm>

- ◆ April 1-4 (Bunbury WA) **South West PotPourri**
- ◆ April 4-14 (Auckland NZ) **Tongan Discovery Cruise**
- ◆ May 1 (Bribie Island QLD) **Biggest Morning tea**
- ◆ May 13 (Ipswich QLD) **Black Friday luncheon**
- ◆ July 22-24 (Caloundra QLD) **Girlfriend's Giggle**
- ◆ July 25 (Caloundra QLD) **Aussie Red Hat Day Lunch**
- ◆ August 15-23 (Norfolk Island) **Norfolk Island Gathering**
- ◆ Sept 23-26 - (Kalbarri WA) **Kalbarri Kapers**

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- ◆ Sept 15-17 - (Glenelg SA) - **Weekend Gathering**

Chirnside Chicks Coronation



"After establishing the Chirnside Chicks chapter of the Red Hat Society five years ago the time has come for me to retire. During that time I have formed valuable friendships both within our chapter and in the wider Red Hat sisterhood.

Now the reins have been handed over to our new queen, Her Royal Highness Queen Quilt-a-lot, Pam Shue. At her recent coronation she had to swear the royal oath, undertaking to take the chapter forward in the spirit of fun, friendship and frivolity.

To help her on this journey she was presented with a "Queen Survival kit" which contained items from her fellow Red Hat sisters. I wish Pam all the best in her new role and look forward to many more years of fun and frivolity as a Red Hatter."

(Former) Queen Katherine Parr-ty.

Rocking Rosellas Coronation



The Rocking Rosellas and Ruby Gumnut Goddesses, together with a couple of the Millinery Madames celebrated the Coronation of Queen Stormy Daze of the Rocking Rosellas!

Those present had the opportunity to give items from the "Survival Kit, which was met with much laughter.

After the Coronation, the newly official Queen bestowed Royal names and name badges to her Chapter members. Then it was of course time to feast!

Congratulations Queen Stormy Daze!

Red Hatter "Survival Kit"

This is a lovely thing to give to a newly crowned Queen, a REDuated Hatter or a new member. This can be a box or bag filled with certain items that have special meaning. You may like to include a list of what the items mean so the recipient knows the significance of the items, or they can be presented individually and the descriptions spoken. You can choose to use only certain items from the list (and the meanings) that you feel most appropriate.

- Address Book ~ Your Red Hat Sister's are always here for you!
- Aspirin/Panadol ~ when all else fails – take two & call a Red Hat Sister!
- Ball ~ to remind you that life is a ball
- Band-Aid ~ to fix your hurt feelings
- Breath-mints ~ to remind you to “just breathe” | a reminder that you are worth a mint
- Button ~ To remind you that sometimes you need to “button your lips”
- Candle ~ when you feel in the dark | to remind you to let your inner light shine so that others can see the fun in being 50+.
- Chocolate ~ to remind you of the sweetness of family & friends | To remind you that life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get
- Do Not Disturb Sign ~ to remind you that you need time to yourself
- Ear-Plugs ~ to remind you sometimes it's important just to listen
- Eraser ~ to remind you that everyone makes mistakes

- Fly swatter – to slap yourself silly, if you ever get too serious
- Glitter ~ to add sparkle to your life & spread some on...
- Kazoo ~ don't forget to toot your own horn
- Lifesavers ~ to save you from "one of those days"
- Lollipop ~ to remind you that you can lick all your problems
- Marbles ~ to replace the ones that you have lost & will lose
- Mirror ~ to remind you that you are very important too
- Nuts ~ to remind you to be a little nutty & laugh
- Paper-Clips ~ to remind you that you are an important link in others lives
- Peg – a reminder to "hang in there"
- Pen & Pad ~ to write down your thoughts before you forget them
- Penny ~ for your thoughts
- Purple bucket ~ just in case your hysterical laughter gets the best of you! (Please go behind bushes.)
- Pretzels ~ hugs from your Red Hat Sisters
- Roses ~ to remind you to smell the flowers along life's way
- Red Glitter ~ To wish you Scarlet Sparkles!
- Red & Purple Feathers ~ to remind you that you can fly! | To "tickle your fancy"
- Red/Purple beads ~ To remind you to always dress up

- Red wax lips ~ to release your inner child
- Ribbon ~ a reminder that friendship ties hearts together
- Rubber-band ~ to remind you to be flexible, and stretch yourself beyond your limits
- Sampler of chocolate – to remind you that life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get, but knowing each other makes our lives sweeter.
- Smarties ~ To remind you that you get smarter with age
- Snack cake ~ to remember to indulge in the pleasures of life
- Starburst ~ to give you a burst of energy
- Sticker – a reminder to stick together and help each other
- String ~ to tie things together when everything falls apart | to tie up loose ends | For tying your memories together
- Sunflower seeds ~ so you can spit just because you feel like it
- Teabag ~ A reminder to sit back and relax from time to time
- Teddybear ~ So you'll never be lost in the wilderness
- Toothpicks ~ to remind you to pick out the good in all situations



Tasmanian Cruise

25 Hatters from Australia and New Zealand cruised from Melbourne to Tasmania aboard the magnificent Golden Princess Cruise ship.

Enjoying 6 days of fun and laughter! Breathtaking scenic cruising around Wineglass Bay, stopping in Port Arthur then Hobart (where we had a delightful lunch with the Hobart Red Hatters) before travelling back to the mainland with a stop at Phillip Island for the day.



We feasted, danced, laughed, snuggled up to watch poolside movies, did trivia, went sight-seeing, swam, lounged by the pool and drank cocktails.

A thoroughly enjoyable experience!





Video slideshow of Cruise Photos available on the RHV website

My Red hatter Story – Queen Clownabout

Hello Fellow Red Hatters

I am Queen Clownabout of the Yarra Valley Reds and I would like to tell you my Red Hat story.

The first time I saw anything to do with Red Hats was at my swap card club where I purchased 6 cards with lovely ladies wearing red hats.



About 3 years later in 2005 while on a trip to the USA and visiting San Antonio we came across hundreds of Red Hat ladies on an International convention all enjoying themselves in the cafes and along the boardwalks of that city. They looked beautiful. I had to stop and ask them what it was all about as I had swap cards featuring them.

They told me the story of the Red Hats and suggested I look them up on the internet when I returned home and consider becoming one of them. On my return the only 2 Victorian chapters I could find were in Berwick and I think Bendigo????? Both too far away. In October 2008 some of my water aerobic friends saw an article in the Healesville local paper about a chapter starting up and inviting interested ladies to join them, and so our chapter began.

The Queen who started our group only lasted until Christmas of that year then handed the reins over to myself as she decided the Red Hats were “not for her”.

We have been active ever since and go out once a month to a variety of places. We have attended 2 conventions and co-hosted a Queenathon in that time.

For 4 years we held an Oaks Day function at the Launching Place hotel where the numbers reached 75 in it's last year. I also held a very successful Biggest Morning Tea for cancer at my home for 8 years where several chapters attended the last 4 increasing the monies raised significantly.

We're very fortunate that our chapter consists of a lovely group of friends who get on well together and enjoy each other's company. We are only 15 in number but we feel this helps to keep it's friendly atmosphere and makes it possible to run a very democratic group where everyone has input.

In conclusion I would like to say that I'm very glad I stopped that day in San Antonio USA to enquire about those lovely ladies wearing their beautiful Red Hats.

Red Hat Hugs from
Queen Clownabout (Jan)





The Ruby Gumnut Goddesses spent a day "by the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea".... at Edithvale Beach. It was a delightful day for swimming in the cool water. Our red and purple bathing costumes, swimming jewels, and of course our Red Hats were a sensation! Many fellow swimmers complimented us (of course) and a rather fit gentleman commented, as he swam past, "you've forgotten the champagne, ladies!"

We invaded the local fish and chip shop, to the total delight of the proprietors. There we enjoyed a delicious lunch and filled the shop with red and purple laughter. After that, we had a well-earned coffee and icecream on the beach. Edithvale may never be the same again!!!

We had so much fun together that we all agree we will do it again next summer, and this time we'll remember the bubbly!.



A Delightful day in the company of ladies from 4 chapters to welcome to our beautiful city HM Angel Queen of Christchurch.

All enjoyed the friendship and laughter and of course parading in our colours is always a joy. Lots of interested ladies seeking more info on the RHS, will be passing on emails to chapters soon.

Queen Lilian RSVP adds " always ready for a luncheon in the city or a bit of adventure". please send invites via the facebook page.



The Serendipity Sisters ferried over to Sorrento and where we were met by some fellow Red Hatters, from the Rosebud Tootsies, the Red Hat Revellers of Rosebud, and a Ruby Gumnut Goddess. We were met at the Ferry Terminal and turned many heads, with so many wonderful compliments. We all had a beautiful lunch at the Sorrento Hotel, took some pics before our journeys home. If you wanted to come but couldn't watch this space, we are doing it again in about 6 months!!!