

# The Granite News

Ruffy Caveat  
Highlands  
Terip Terip  
Hughes Creek  
Whiteheads Creek

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### HABBIES HOWE

by Scott McKay.

I often wondered how Gideon and Georgina Stewart (and his brother-in-law George Taylor) found their way to such an obscure place in the late 1830s so quickly after Melbourne was settled, until a Taungorongo told me "they followed my people's tracks to the 'stations' they'd developed over the last 10,000 years.

He went on to explain how they burnt the valleys, not the hills, on special days, and how there was a lot of open country "for it's near impossible to spear akangaroo in the trees".

Originally called Kobyboyn until Georgina renamed the property Habbies Howe after her favorite picnic spot and the site of the Highlands Games in Scotland.

Their son Alexander Stewart held Habbies Howe until 1920 when Barret and Wiseman (Relative of Sue Sleight) started cleaning up the rabbits and sold to Tom Daskein in 1922. Dick Webb, who started as a junior jackaroo, shortly after became the Manager in 1928 and the principal owner in 1937 on Mr Daskein's death.

Dick and his wife Molly held Habbies until his death in 1978. Molly had started the restoration of the homestead and garden. The property was subdivided into Glenlyon (held by Brian Leahy's family), Kobyboyn (held by Bill -no relation- Webb and his family) and Habbies Howe, which was bought by Henry and Anita Symon of Koalashoes fame. They did wonderful things to the house and garden. Each and every former owner has left their mark on Habbies whether it was the Stewart -built Indian Bungalow homestead, the halcyon days spanning the period of both the Webbs involvement (when the aim was a 1000 cows and a thousand bales of wool) or the restoration work of the garden and house by the Symons. HH went into terminal decline when bought by a brockendown cocky from NSW in 1998.

Old Jackaroos, previous family members and the occasional ghost (could be possums) regularly visit. They have great memories of their connection with Habbies Howe and enjoy revisiting the spirit\* of the valley. \*ghosts excepted, they are real ready spirits.

## WEEDS

John Hammond will be out spraying weeds on our roadsides again. Please mark any weeds on your roadsides to make it easier and quicker for him. Greenflurotape is available from Janet Hagen, Ruffy Store and at Highlands Primary School, just pop in and collect a roll.

It's time to put in your orders for Brush Off, Wetting agent and Round Up to receive the 50% subsidy from Landcare. Please ring me with your orders so that I can let Peter Wales know who's on the list. You can then collect the chemicals from him at half price.

Also, please report any weed concern to me, thanks Miranda Ph 57969261

### Final in the Ruffartz Café Concert Series for 2007

The Gutbucket Jug Band and a complimentary glass of champagne were a fitting finale for an excellent series of performances throughout the year. Next year looks like being even better with Coolgrass - bluegrass with a twist, 23rd Feb 08, Devilish Mary - hillbilly and American Roots, 10th May 08, General Store - jazz, blues and swing through to samba, 30th August 08 and finally Bric - A - Brac, a French dance band on the 22nd November. More detail early next year.



Sharon Batt and band members.



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## Fire restrictions are NOW in force.

### WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.40

Please send any articles, advertisements to [tomiranda@activ8.net.au](mailto:tomiranda@activ8.net.au).

### NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here is an abbreviated talk by Arielon Noticing that she presented to the whole school last week.

#### NOTICING

Noticing is under the learning power disposition "Resilience, the feeling part of learning".

Noticing is when you see detail and things that you wouldn't realize at first glance. In Art when you look at a tree, instead of seeing just a tree, you see the bark, the leaves and the detail, you NOTICE them. You need to look deeper than just at the surface of things, there can be more than you think, complications, problems and lots of other mysteries.

In science lesson, we were doing an experiment on water rockets. When we held the rocket at 90 degrees, we NOTICED the rocket didn't travel far, when we held it at 0 degrees, we NOTICED it didn't reach a long distance either but when we held it at 45 degrees, we NOTICED it went the furthest.

Part of my job as school captain is that I have to NOTICE the feelings of the other students in the school, like when they are being excluded, I have to use the thinking skill "NOTICING" to be able to help them.

Have any of the juniors NOTICED that they can read a whole lot better than they did when they started the year? Has anybody in the senior room noticed how much they have learnt in the last year, people have learnt to do algebra, and long division? If you just take the time to think back and NOTICE what you have learnt, I'm sure you will find that you have learnt lots and lots with Miss Mildren and Miranda.

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## RABBITS

It is time to think about getting your rabbit warrens ripped. It is amazing how many of the pesky critters are running free at the moment. There is a maximum of 80 ripping hours per landowner for which Landcare provides a 50% subsidy. Some site visits will be needed so try and be as accurate as possible about how many hours you will need.

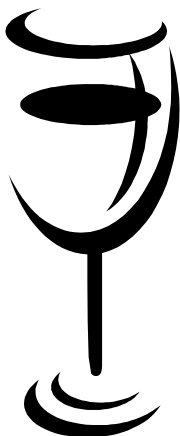
It may help to speak to an operator such as Andrew Shaw to get a clearer idea of time needed. I'll need to know if there is a radical difference, i.e. more than 10 hours in your allocation and the hours that you in fact needed. Thanks Miranda PH 57969261

## Highlands- Caveat CFA Reconnaissance Day

was a great success. About ten vehicles ignored the steady rain in the morning and headed off down Switzerland Road, along the river and then up, up, up. Lunch was in a tree ferned gully and then the views of Yea and Molesworth were an amazing highlight. Thanks Andrew for organizing an excellent day. By Jono



## Is anybody interested in being part of a wine appreciation group?



We are hoping to hold regular evenings at the Ruff store starting soon for those whomay want to share, discuss and learn all things wine.

We are aiming for a group of no more than ten each occasion so if this is your interest please contact either Chris Bennett -57 904338 or Naomi McLennan -57904132

## EARLY SCHOOL START BONUS

FAMILIES with children starting Prep and Year 7 next year will receive their School Start Bonus payment even earlier to help cover school costs.

The Member for Seymour, Ben Hardmansaid families would receive a \$300 voucher after they enrol their child this year which they can redeem from 14 January 2008. The bonus will help families cover school costs.

The Minister for Education, Bronwyn Pike, said that under the new arrangements schools would now issue parents and carers of next year's Prep and year 7 students with a voucher that can be redeemed at any Australia Post outlet from 14 January.



## Life with Kiri

Congratulations to all the cast from "Life with Kiri" for providing us with a very entertaining performance. An unconfirmed rumour has it that those of you who missed it last weekend may be able to catch a little film clip of the play at our community Christmas Breakup on Friday 14th December.

## For Sale

Freedom Furniture beige faux suede chaise lounge \$100 [ono]. 57969366

## FOR SALE

Work T Shirts, selective sizes. \$10 each or 3 for \$20  
Stuart and Judy Reid: 57969358

## Free

Corner computer desk. Imitation wood laminate. Ph 57969360

Could the lady who wanted the rooster from a while ago please ring back?? He is getting close to the wood block and we would much prefer to give him a home. Thanks ph: 57973015

## WARNING!

The water supply at the Highlands Community Hall has been contaminated. For now a small tank of drinking water has been put at the hall by Murrindindi Shire for use when there are functions at the hall. Please use this water sparingly.

ARE MINDERS TO ALL USERS OF HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL.

After attending functions or meetings at the hall please take home all bottles and containers to be recycled and any rubbish you have generated.

THANK YOU.

## For Sale

Two Dorset Rams, 31/2 years old, shorn and drenched.  
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## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

BLACKWATTLE - *Acacia mearnsii*.

Black Wattle, with its pale yellow flowers, is flowering now. (not to be confused with the early Spring flowering Silver Wattle). Black Wattle is fast growing, drought tolerant, and has a large range of food and habitat values to a variety of wildlife. Crevices in the bark are home to many insects and invertebrates. Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos strip the outer bark when searching for Longicorn beetles and Wattle Goat moth larvae. Thornbills and Honeyeaters gorge on defoliating insects, the pollen from the flowers and nectar in the leaf axils.



## Community What's On Calendar—November/December

Weekbeg 26th Nov	Terip Terip mowing roster Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts	Tim & Cindy Hayes Ian and Cynthia Crawford
Fri. 30th November	An Inconvenient Truth showing @ Marmalades, High St. YEA, dinner & show 6.30pm	-8.30pm \$20 tel: 57972999
Friday 30 Nov	Playgroup Break Up 4.30 at Highlands Primary School. Brings salads sweet to share + your own cold meat, bread, utensils, chairs - basically everything. BYO trike as they'll all be on something. Its a good way to meet other families with young children even if you haven't been to our playgroup.	
Sat. 1st Dec	"An Inconvenient Truth" FREE family SHOW @ 2.30pm, YEA Shire Chambers followed by John Pettigrew's "Climate update and discussion" booking: 57978283	
Sunday 2nd December	The Fifth Avenue Collection of jewellery will be available for viewing at the Terip Recreation Centre from 11. am onwards. Great ideas for Xmas or special presents. There will be a raffle to the value of \$100.00 with tickets available at the Ruffy Store and at the Recreation Centre on the day. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Terip Recreation Centre. For further information contact Trish Uden on 57969150.	
5th Dec	International Volunteer Day – Visit <a href="http://www.ifrc.org/voluntee/volday.asp">www.ifrc.org/voluntee/volday.asp</a>	
Thurs 6th Dec	CFA Fire ready Vic meeting has been arranged to be incorporated into the HCFB General Meeting on the 6.12.07. All community members are most welcome to attend. Bushfires and grassfires are a natural part of our environment. You can survive, but you must be ready. Summer Fire Safety is a very important issue. Find out how prepared you are! Come early at 7.00PM to meet with other residents and have a chat before the official start of the meeting at 7.30PM. For the information of all Brigades members, there have been a lot of pre season items that have developed over the last month which the membership need to be made aware of. To provide a better service to the HCFB members, the Agenda for the meeting is going to be provided in advance of the 6.12.07 regarding the items that will be discussed and will be sent out within the next week. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6.12.07. John Kirkham	
Friday, December 7	The 2007 Strathbogie Ranges Wine Region Show Dinner and Celebration is being held at the Ruffy Public Hall from 7pm. The Show specifically focuses upon the wines made from grapes grown within the Strathbogie Ranges. Tickets for the Dinner are \$90.00 per head and with a limit of 80 places; For bookings or further details, please contact Cameron Atkins, Secretary of the Strathbogie Ranges Wine Region on 0428340545, 03 57985563	
Sat 8th Dec	FIREGUARD MEETING To prepare for the coming fire season, the final Fireguard meetings will be held The Old Highlands Rd group will meet at Judy & Lochie Cameron's (first house on the left in Granite Hills Rd), 10.30am, while the Caveat group will meet at Sue & Trevor Peterson's at 2pm. All residents are welcome to attend either session, especially the Lades Rd and Fassifern Rd fireguard groups. This final session will review how to prepare and activate your fire plan, and phone trees will be set up for people to stay informed and connected during a fire over the fire season. Any enquiries please call Leanne Pleash on 57969200 (please note: Leanne will get back to you in the week leading up to the Fireguard session).	
Sunday 9th December	Dan England Hearit live at The White Hart Hotel, 63 Hill Street, Longwood, 36653.00	-7.00pm
9th December	2pm Family Christmas Service at the Ruffy Terip Uniting Church. The famous 'Firewind Band' from Violet Town will entertain and support the Carols singing. Come along and enjoy this community service, followed by afternoon tea	
Monday 10 Dec	Last Scribblers for the year 7:30pm at Leone's Bring a plate to share. 0500500088	
10th December	Tablelands Community Centre last meeting for the year. 7pm at the Ruffy Primary School. BYO everything, BBQ provided. Come along and hear where the group is up to and enjoy the social occasion.	
11th Dec	International Mountain Day – Visit <a href="http://www.fao.org/mnts/intl_mountain_day_en.asp">www.fao.org/mnts/intl_mountain_day_en.asp</a>	
Friday 14th Dec	Highlands Community Christmas Breakup. Format to be decided. Put the date in your diaries.	
Friday 21st December	Cricket match Ruffy VS Highlands at Ruffy. More details coming but mark it in your diary. Ring Andrew Shaw or Scott Mckay to offer your talent.	
Saturday January 5, 2008	Terip Terip Annual Tennis Tournament from 10am Enquiries Helen McKenzie 57904211 or Cindy Hayes 57904226	

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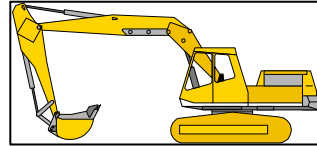
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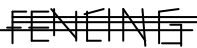
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