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PEOPLE AND PLACES

PHILIP WISCHER began life in Melbourne and was educated there up to 1989 when he completed his Masters coursework in Art History at Monash University.

1990 was spent living in Tokyo teaching before beginning his artistic career on 1992. During this year Philip travelled around Australia painting – coming into contact with artists such as Rover Thomas, Queeny McKenzie and Peggy Patrick in W.A.

His year in the outback was followed by his first solo show in 1992 (Diane Tanzer Gallery, Brunswick St) which was a sell-out. Philip continued to paint, living near the Yarrain Fairfield, "it was the closest I could get to the bush" said Philip.

1995 saw another solo show – this time in Tokyo and this was also well received. By then he had met his wife Natalie. After marrying in 1996 they went to live in their stone cottage in S.A. for 6 months "doing it up" after which they lived and worked at Patjarr, an aboriginal community in the remote Gibson Desert.

The following year they returned for Philip to have an exhibition in New York, after which they both returned to the desert for another 2 years (but not before buying Baroonain 1998 – an ex-Lade property on Ghin Ghin Road where Doug previously camped in a shepherd's hut as a 14 year old).

In 2001/2, Philip taught at Highlands Primary School, Yea Primary and Yea High after which he settled as "Head of Art" at the latter.

Natalie works as a Diabetes Educator in Yea.

Philip continues to paint and they have two sons, Lachie, aged 6 (at Highlands Primary) and Oliver aged 3. Philip, his father-in-law, Bruce Heath, Lachie and Oliver are regular and enthusiastic walkers with our Highlands Ramblers.

HIARTS FOOD STALL HELP NEEDED!

We are asking for volunteers to assist in serving food on the HIARTS weekend. Please call Sam if you have time to offer from 10am – 4.00pm either day. Your help will be much appreciated. Contact: strong_sam@activ8.net.au or 57969275.

2008 VICTORIAN BILLY CART CHAMPIONSHIPS

High St Pyalong Good Friday, 21st March, 'the event of the year in Mitchell'. Sponsorssuchas Mitchell Shire, Regional Development Victoria, Environment Victoria, Waste Wise & Sustainability Victoria are supporting the event.

We want everyone to come along and have great family day out. Those wanting to enter need to get out in the shed now and start on their Billy Carts.

There is a new category this year which is 'THE MOST INNOVATIVE RE-USE OF MATERIALS BILLY CART'. This is being sponsored by Waste Wise, this will be a challenge for those creative minds out there.

There are some rules about the Billy Cartssomakesureyoucheckthose rules by going to our website www.victorianbillycartchampionships.com,,au

There will be 25 stalls sites available for anyone to book. If any businesses would like to sponsor a race they can contact us on our website.

There will be races for all ages, jumping castle, face painting, food, drinks, rock climbing and lots more.

Visit - early winter 2006

A poem by Sari Wawn

Clouds caught in our hair
We listened to the water laughing
at our shimmering reflections

When we climbed up from the river bed
into the taste of rain
bird song followed our footprints

We had been to another place
washed our minds clean.

Urgent reminder

Please secure your load carefully when you are going to the tip. There is quite a lot of rubbish along the road – ideas residents unintentionally loose part of their load.

From John Hammond

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Fire restrictions are NOW in force.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Highlands Primary School began 2008 with 16 students enrolled, some returning families and some new families. Of these 16 students there are 3 Year 6 students, 4 Year 4 students, 1 Year 3 student, 2 Year 2 students, 3 Year 1 students and 3 Preps.

Students in Years 1 to 6 had the opportunity to settle in on Wednesday before the Preps arrived on Thursday. At the Assembly School Captains, Michael Shaw and Kelly Petersen personally welcomed our 2 new students, Lachie Wischer and Jarrad Gilbert before welcoming each returning student individually.

Junior School Council President, Jack Hodgett held his first meeting on Thursday in which office bearers and council members were elected. Already the JS has begun brainstorming ways to fundraise for a whole school camp in December and has begun planning days to support national causes such as Bad Hair Day and Sunnies for Sight Day.

Students and staff are looking forward to working towards the 2008 School goal of

'Having fun while learning together'.

Highlands Primary School Preps for 2008: Rick Hodgetts, James Wesselman and Kaylam Kirkham.



Classifieds & Community Notices

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE NEW HIGHLANDS ARBORETUM

Thank you to Greg Young, Scott McKay, Sylvia Reid and Peg Lade who have offered to join the group. It would be great to have one more 'non permanent' resident on the committee so please ring if this is you, Miranda

HiArts Art Exhibition and Family Festival

As well as Art for viewing and for sale, the weekend will of course have other activities suitable to everyone. Music, poetry reading, face painting, story telling including Indigenous story telling, pottery, clay modeling and sketching. Food, wine, beer and local produce will be for sale - a great place to meet people. If you would like to help during the weekend please contact 57969358.

Progress at Highlands Community Hall

Thank to the 14 volunteers, & Alexander who is nearly 4, who worked very hard last Saturday. Together we cleaned & patched the old concrete water tank, connected up the water supply, installed the new outdoor furniture, completed electrical work in the kitchen, cleaned down & put undercoat on the internal walls, replaced the fence around the multipurpose outdoor area (tennis court), repaired a gatepost, & weeded & tidied the garden. The hall is still not available for use except for small meetings. Work on the deck & finishing the kitchen come next.

BUDS AND BLOSSOMS

"Stories and songs for the young and young at heart"

Please join us every Thursday (during school term) from 10.45am until 11.45am.

We meet in the Activities room of the Rosebank Hostel in Yeawhere a cup of tea can be enjoyed before story time begins.

New families are encouraged to come and see the fun we have each week.

Buds & Blossoms is FREE!

For further information please call Natalie Wischer 57360461 or Michelle Moon 0432696070

p.s. Grandparents - this is a great activity to bring your grandchild to!

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

TWINING GLYCINE - (Glycine clandestina) - is a slender climber with pale bluish - mauve pea flowers, and is reasonably common in our bush areas and along some local roadsides, if they are not grazed. It flowers in the spring, but seeds can still be collected in February, and it can be grown in containers and gardens. It is very hardy, once established, and the flowers are a good nectar source for native insects.



WANTED...LONG-NOSED BANDICOOTS

Perameles nasuta.

These omnivorous marsupials were once common in the local area and the Highlands Landcare Group has received funding to investigate their remaining populations.

The long-nosed bandicoots are grey - brown in colour with a creamy - white underside. They are about the size of a larger rabbit and are nocturnal. They inhabit damp areas along creeks or around swamps and bogs where there is dense undergrowth in which they can hide from predators, especially foxes and wild cats.

It is most often the small, conical holes (6 - 10cm. across), which they dig while foraging for food, that indicate their presence.

If anyone has seen the bandicoots or their foraging holes, please contact Jenny Webb, ph. 57969236. All information collected will assist with the protection of these animals.

RAINFALL for JANUARY

Terip Terip really scored with 119.5 mms and Highlands had 105.4. This is the best January rain for many, many years. Is there anyone in Whitehead's Creek who is prepared to send this information to use each month? I'd really like to hear what you received last Sunday!

Message from NSW Ambulance Service

Thank to Jenny Murphy for this information

All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

Terip Tennis Tournament 2008

Results

Section 1 Men:

Gerry Ginnivan; R/up: Ken Richards

Section 1 Ladies:

Robyn Richards; R/up: Frances Lawrence

Section 2 Men:

Don Spooks; R/up: Graham Burimox

Section 2 Ladies:

Christine McKenzie; R/up: Raelene Lister

Junior boys:

Todd Eddy; R/up: Evan Penny

Junior girls:

Natasha Penny; R/up: Alice Debney

1st Prize in the raffle kindly donated by the Ruffy Store was Tim Hayes.

Big thank you to our trophy and raffle donors - Ruffy Store, Bill McDonald & Chris McKenzie, John Chittick, Donna & Helen McKenzie, Tim & Cindy Hayes and Roger & Sandy Eddy.

FOR SALE

Monoclad roofsheets. 4 - 12 meters, colour bond and gal, \$2.00 per meter, approx 2000 meters, To sell in small or large quantities, can deliver PH57969398

Child Care Needed

I need before and afterschool care for my 10 year old son who attends Highlands Primary School. Please ring me on 57972071, thanks Jennie Coulter

Community What's On Calendar—February/March/April

Weekbeg4th February	TeripTeripmowingrosterAlanandBettyRenfreeKenandRobynRichards Highlands-CaveatCFARosterCrewC
Sunday10th Feb	HighlandsCaveatCFAGeneralmeetingtobeheldonthehallat10.30am. Allwelcome,especiallyweekenders.
Monday11Feb	ScribblersatLeone's7:30pmwithorwithoutwrittenwords.Comealongifyouareinterestedinjoiningour lowkey,supportive,relaxedwritinggroupPh0500500088
15-17February 2008	SustainableLivingFestival -MelbourneWhere: FederationSquare,Melbourne Details: theSustainableLivingFestivalshowcasesahugerangeofexhibitors,talks,workshops,art, filmsandperformancescelebratingandinspiringsustainablecommunities.ExploretheFestival's three-dayprograminMelbourneandbeapartofthecelebrations.Moreinformation: gotohttp:// www.slf.org.au/festival/tel:92491888,oremail:info@festival.slf.org.au
22NDFEBRU-ARY	Afterawonderful20yearscelebrationtheWhiteheadsCreekLandcaregroupwilllaunchintothenewyear withaninformativetalkontheBushCurlwebbySusanSleighat7.30pmattheWhiteheadsCreekHall. Allwelcome.
Saturday23rd February	TheBlackMarket[lowkilometreproduce],10am -12pmthelastSaturdayofeachmonth.The23rdFebruaryis thefirstonefor2008.Ifyou'dliketoknowmore,callCandi(57969366)orLeone(57969290).Pleasecome withanyextraeggs,fruitorhomemadeanythingthatyou'dliketoswaporsell.BrianandJessica's summergardennowhassomeorganicveggiesavailable -57992197toorder -pickupattheBlackMarketor byotherarrangement.
Sat.23rdFeb 2008	TheLionsClubofSeymourGoulburnIncinviteyoutoaFREEconcertwiththeVictoriaPoliceShowBandat GoulburnParkSeymourat5p.m.to7.30p.m.BringachairandapicnicdinnerandlistentotheBand.
Sunday24th February	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSwillmeetat10.30amattheHighlandsHall,oratYuritta'sRoadat10.45.Wewill walkthroughabeautifulpropertyandhavelunchatabigdamnearHewlett'sRoad. EnquiriesToPegLade57969222.Everyonewelcome.
1&2ndMarch	HiArtsExhibitionandFestival2008,HighlandsCommunityHall
March1st -2nd	PAINTINGS1977 -1983 ThelocalcommunityarecordiallyinvitedtoanexhibitionofpaintingsbyDennisSpiteri. Thepaintingscanbeseenattheartist's'Hillcrest'studio/galleryintheHighlandsinconjunctionwiththe HiArtsexhibitionintheHighlandshall.ThegallerywillbeopentothepublicontheweekendofMarch1st from9amto5pm.Theexhibitionwillcontinueuntil30thMarch,andcanbeseenbyappointmentduringthat time.Telephone:57969373
SATURDAY 15THMARCH	TERIPTERIPCOMMUNITYBBQATHERECRESERVE 6pmforsherriesandnibblesMeatsupplied.BYOdrinksandglass\$15perperson\$5forschoolchildren
21stMarch (GoodFriday)to 27thApril2008.	Monkey Tail Collection 2. A closer look at Australian Wildlife. Newdrawings,paintingsandsculpturesbyJ.DarrenGilbert.atRuffyProduceStore26NolansRoadRuffy CentralVictoria3666.Openweekendsandpublicholidays8amuntil6pm,fridaylunch(03)57904387 www.ruffystore.com
SATURDAY 26THAPRIL	CARBOOTSALAEATTERIPTERIPRECREATIONRESERVEFROM10AMREFRESHMENTSANDLIGHT LUNCHAVAILABLE\$15CARBOOTORSMAALLTRAILER\$20UTILITY\$25LARGE(TANDEM)TRAILER \$3TRESTLETABLEHIREComealongtoselloffyourunwantedtreasures,orbuysomeoneelse'streasure!! FORINFORMATIONandBOOKINGSCONTACTTRISHUDEN -57904377LUCRAVEN -57904011

GARDEN SPOT

Thisisthefirstinaseriesofmonthly articlesongarden -worthyplantsfor ourdistrict.Ihopeotherpeoplewillbe inspiredtosharenewsof theirfavouritegardenplantstoo.JennyWebb

Oneofmyall -timefavouriteplants is **Euphorbiarigida.**

Therearemanyotherspugeswhich areworthtryingbutthisoneisincrediblytough,sunloving andadelighttallyear. ItisanativeofGreeceandbegins

producinglime -greenflowerheads beforetheendofwinter.Thebracts hangon,turningcrimsoninspringand earlysummer.Fortherestoftheyear theblue -greyfoliage,whichspirals aroundthestem,isafeature. Thisplantonlyneedsatidy -uponcea yearandproducesnumerousseedlings(evenindry,compactedgravel!). Theytransplanteasilywhenyoung anddowellinpots. Theylookgreataroundourgranite rocksandgrowtoabout50cmhigh and60cmwide.Somepeoplemaybe

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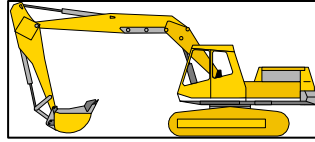


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