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INTERVIEW WITH A LOCAL

George and Trish Uden

Many of us will have come across Trish and George Uden in one way or another. At the time, you are more likely to be taken up with discussing building projects, going through some hospital procedure or discussing local social issues than finding out about their background. They arrived in Australia as Ten Pound Poms.

George, originally from the Carnaby Street in Surrey, belongs to a family of builders that goes back several generations. He came here in 1956 to finish his building apprenticeship with his uncle. He then went on to qualify as a Master Builder. Trish was born in Scotland and spent her childhood in Yorkshire before coming here with her family during the Suez crisis in 1957. The family was sponsored by her uncle and Trish remembers how delighted her Maltese mother was when they got to Australia to find her self in a place with such wonderful food.

After George and Trish married, they spent two years on the Gold Coast, and then when they came to the district to visit some friends, they found that they liked it so much, they stayed. That was twelve years ago.

George built the elegant stone house on the Terrip - Ruffy Road, where he and Trish lived until they sold it a year ago. Now he has just about finished their next house, on a smaller block on Springs Road. He has also contributed to the quality of the building stock in the area by building, extending and renovating many others.

Early on in her long nursing career Trish spent some times supporting the flying doctor service in far western New South Wales and since coming to Terip she has worked as a theatre sister in local hospitals. She has recently retired and although she has been busy with the new house, she has been helping out at a local nursery. Her next venture will be to unpack her drawing materials and get back to her sketching again.

For special occasions, such as the Melbourne Cup Day lunch at Terip, George always adds a touch of class to the event, when he dresses up in his grey top hat and bowtie. By Sari

Welcome to Issue 4

A reminder to send your information to miranda@activ8.net.au. CFAs, secretaries and community groups, please send notices of meetings set to keep your members well informed.

Ruffy has their folding of The Granite News down to a fine art but Highlands has no folders, just me! Is there anyone who would be happy to fold just once a month on a Wednesday night?

NOT TO BE MISSED Identifying and Managing Native grasses Morning

Come and join Dr. Peter Mitchell, an expert on native grasses at 10 am on Saturday 1st March at Highlands Primary School. After an introductory talk we will carpool and go 1.5 kilometers to a paddock on Lade Road which has a wider range of native grasses with their seed heads intact.

Peter will help us learn how to identify grasses and weeds apart and how best to manage grasses.

Then if you have time you can have lunch at the Hi Arts weekend and enjoy the art exhibition etc. Please tell your neighbours and friends about this event as we have only advertised it in The Granite News. Don't forget to bring water, hat and sunscreen.

A bit more of the Janet Hagen Story from last Week

Bush camping and walking have been major parts of family life, and it was always a challenge to fit these in land trips into the all too short school holidays. Now the adult family plead to be included in such trips! They all live in inner Melbourne suburbs – Justine is a Landscape Architect, Jill has finished a course in Journalism, Jackie is doing a Media Course at RMIT, and Jono is in Year 12 at Euroa and works at the Ruffy Store. They all say that the best possible upbringing was in the country and going to country schools.

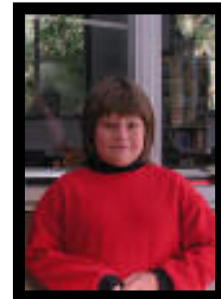
As well as all her usual duties for HCCC, Janet is working on a possible large-scale project to involve areas around the Hughes Creek Catchment, and to promote the catchment as a Biodiversity "Bowl".

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2008.



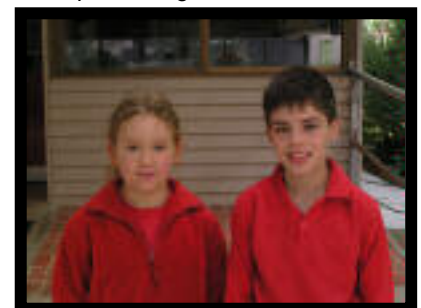
School Captains:
Kelly Petersen & Michael Shaw



Junior School Council President:
Jack Hodgetts



Bus Captain: Imogen Geffert



Junior Fire Leaders:
Laura Bennett & Cuchulainn Coulter

Reading Coaches

We are very fortunate to have 3 wonderful community members who are volunteering their time to be reading coaches for our students. These people visit once a week, listen to all students read, discuss their books and chat about life in general. We thank Judy, Mavis and Bruce for their positive contribution.

Classifieds & Community Notices

Murrindindi Council Considers Environment Policy

At the 5 February meeting of Council officers presented the first draft of an Environment Policy, which has been developed with the help of Council's recently formed Environment Advisory Committee.

The draft policy outlines the Council's commitment to the environment and is to be used to guide Council's decision-making on environmental issues and to ensure Council's programs and services are delivered in an environmentally sensitive way.

The policy has been divided into four main goals.

The first goal is to protect and enhance the natural environment with specific reference to land that is under Council management or control. Issues covered include protecting native flora and fauna, managing weed dispersal and limiting site disturbance when undertaking works. Encouraging private landholders to adopt sound environmental practices through the use of incentives schemes is also covered under this goal.

The second goal in the policy is to reduce Council's consumption of natural resources. This includes finding ways to reduce Council's water consumption, lowering its use of energy derived from fossil fuels and being more efficient in its use of materials.

A third goal in the policy focuses on reducing waste and environmental pollution associated with Council's operations.

The fourth goal focuses on Council's role in encouraging the community to adopt sound environmental practices. It includes greater support for Council's Committee's of Management to address environmental issues, establishing partnerships with other levels of government and relevant community groups that have a focus on the environment, supporting building and construction practices that adopt sound environmental design principles and advocating for the community on environmental issues.

The draft Environment Policy is available for viewing from all Council offices and Council's website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au. Written submissions can be made until 5pm Monday 17 March 2008 and addressed to Environment Policy, PO Box 138 Alexandra 3714 or by email omsc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

CHERRYBALLART
Exocarpos cupressiformis.

This is a small tree with fine pendulous branches, sometimes mistaken for a Native Pine. It is parasitic when young on the roots of nearby plants, and suckers prolifically after fire. It has tiny leaves and hard fruit on swollen scarlet fleshy stalks, which are edible and pleasant to taste. The name "Exocarpus" means nut or fruit on the outside of fleshy fruit - this is enjoyed by many birds. I have had a good specimen in my garden for many years, and it is very common in this stable land area.



Are you a handy cook?

Students at Highlands Primary School love to cook and unfortunately their teachers do not have skills in this area (and we're happy to admit it!).

We are looking for some additional help. If this is for you and you are available on a Monday or Tuesday to cook for 1 hour with 4 students, for 4 weeks, please contact Allyson on 57969208.

Under shearing shed clean-outs.

The Strongshave found a contractor to clean out under shearing sheds. He has mini diggers and scrapers with up to 85 feet reach. He is coming in late Autumn and we wondered if there were others who would like to use him while he's in the district. Cost is \$50 an hour. Contact us on 57969213.

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, call or deliver PH57969398

Things to do

Pest Control

It's rabbit and fox control time again—join in a coordinated program or do your own. Ring Miranda if you would like the very reliable Shooter's Association to visit your property to shoot foxes. Ph 57969261

Rabbit numbers have been building up and many landowners are experiencing big rabbit numbers than we have had since Calici Virus was introduced.

Remember that baiting is recommended with follow-up burrow fumigating and/or trapping. For more information go to www.dpi.gov.au or call Miranda PH57969261

Weed Control for

Autumn

Blackberry Paterson's Curse (1st rosettes appearing after rain) Gorse

It's time to collect seeds from the Hakea Wattle, Lightwood and Umbrella Wattle.

Organ Donor Awareness Week

At the 3rd of January 2008, 1875 people were waiting for organ transplants: Kidney -1388 Heart -100 Liver 198 Lung -141 Pancreas -48 Unfortunately Australia has one of the poorest donation rates in the developed world and we need all Australians to take a moment to consider the issue, discuss it with their family and to register their wishes - either yes or no - on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR). Australians who register their consent to donate organs and tissue after death receive a donor registration card. If you would like to be considered for organ and tissue donation but don't have a donor registration card, please contact the AODR by calling 1800777203. Information from www.australiansdonate.org.au

Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

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

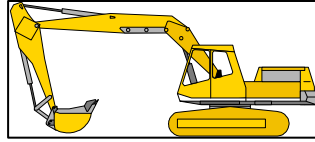
Weekbeg18th February	TeripTeripmowingrosterMervPenny BruceandDeniseMcLennan Highlands -CaveatCFARosterCrewC
22NDFEBRU-ARY	Afterawonderful20yearscelebrationtheWhiteheadsCreekLandcaregroupwilllaunchintothenewyear withaninformativetalkontheBushCurlewbySusanSleighat7.30pmattheWhiteheadsCreekHall.
Saturday23rd February	TheBlackMarket[lowkilometreproduce],10am -12pmthelastSaturdayofeachmonth.The23rdFebruaryis thefirststonefor2008.Ifyou'dliketoknowmore,callCandi(57969366)orLeone(57969290).Please comewithanyextraeggs,fruitorhomemadeanythingthatyou'dliketoswaporsell.BrianandJessica's summergardennowhassomeorganicveggiesavailable -57992197toorder -pickupattheBlackMarketor byotherarrangement.
Sat.23rdFeb 2008	TheLionsClubofSeymourGoulburnIncinviteyoutoaFREEconcertwiththeVictoriaPoliceShowBandat GoulburnParkSeymourat5p.m.to7.30p.m.BringachairandapicnicdinnerandlistentotheBand.
Saturday23rd February	HumeandHovellcricketground,StrathCreek.HighlandsVRuffymatchoftheyear.Anothernottobemissed event.AbuswillbeleavingHabbiesHoweat9.30amtotransportplayersandfanssafelytoandfromthisexcitingvenue.Ifyouhaven'tseenthewhitepicketfenceandrosegardeninthemiddleofnowherethenthisis yourgoldenopportunity.ComeandsupportyoursometimestragictteamsandringScotty57969259foraseat onthebus.
Saturday23 February	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -Coolgrass-Bluegrasswithawist 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.) orinformation.
Sunday24th February	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSwillmeetat10.30amattheHighlandsHall,oratYuritta'sRoadat10.45.Wewill walkthroughabeautifulpropertyandhavelunchatabigdamnearHewlett'sRoad. EnquiriesstoPegLade57969222.Everyonewelcome.
1&2ndMarch	HiArtsExhibitionandFestival2008,HighlandsCommunityHall
SaturdayMarch 1st,	AnEveningofMusicwiththeWillowmavinChamberEnsemble EricAndersen,DaveO'Meara,KenJamieson,SandySexton,RobSoutar EnjoythemusicofMozart,Gaubert,Haydn,Ewazen,Soutar,ByrdandMorriconeinavariedandentertaining programme.7:30pmTallarookMechanicsInstitute Adults\$15.00,Concession\$11.00,Children\$5.00,Families\$30.00Supperprovided -BYOdrinks
March1st -2nd	PAINTINGS1977 -1983 ThelocalcommunityarecordiallyinvitedtoanexhibitionofpaintingsbyDennisSpiteri. Thepaintingscanbeseenattheartist's'Hillcrest'studio/galleryintheHighlandsinconjunctionwiththe HiArtsexhibitionintheHighlandshall.ThegallerywillbeopentothepublicontheweekendofMarch1st from9amto5pm.Theexhibitionwillcontinueuntil30thMarch,andcanbeseenbyappointmentduringthat time.Telephone:57969373
Saturday1st March	NativeGrassesIdentificationandManagementwithDrPeterMitchell10amHighlandsPrimarySchool.Bring ahat,waterbottle,camera,penandpaperandsunscreen.Bringafriendandtellaneighbour.
SATURDAY 15THMARCH	TERIPTERIPCOMMUNITYBBQATHERECRESERVE 6pmforsherriesandnibblesMeatsupplied.BYOdrinksandglass\$15perperson\$5forschoolchildren PleasebringasaladordessertRSVPLuCraven57904011FrancesLawrence0432324929
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	CARBOOTSALEAFTERIPTERIPRECREATIONRESERVEFROM10AMREFRESHMENTSANDLIGHT LUNCHAVAILABLE\$15CARBOOTORSMALLTRAILER\$20UTILITY\$25LARGE(TANDEM)TRAILER \$3TRESTLETABLEHIREComealongtoselloffyourunwantedtreasures,orbuysomeoneelse'streasure!! FORINFORMATIONandBOOKINGSCONTACTTRISHUDEN -57904377LUCRAVEN -57904011

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