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## INTERVIEW WITH A LOCAL

DOUGLADE, of Highlands, with 6 other Light Horse Men from pre-World War 2, have just returned from Israel, where they attended the dedication of the Park of the Australian Soldier at Be'ersheva. The centrepiece of the park is an Australian made sculpture of a Light Horseman leaping the trenches. It marks the charge of the 4th and 12th L.H. Regiments against Turkish posts at Be'ersheva on 31/10/17 and was dedicated by the Governor General, Michael Jeffrey, the Israeli President and the Turkish Foreign Minister.

The bronze sculpture and restoration of the Park was funded by the Pratt Foundation, and members of the family were present. An interesting local connection was finding the grave of Lt Col Maygar V.C. at the Be'ersheva cemetery. The Maygar family were original owners of "Strathearn", Ruffy.

Anzac Day in Jerusalem was a special and moving day for Doug, as they attended the Dawn Service at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, and later went to Herod's fortress at Masada. Another highlight was driving along the shore of the Dead Sea, where he had been 66 years ago. In 1938 and '39, Doug belonged to the Yea Light Horse Troop, - they rode their horses into Yea for training and attended camps at Torquay and Broadmeadows. When they realized that no horses would be going to the Middle East, they took their horses home and enlisted in other units, - Doug in 9th Div Cav Regiment. He trained in Syria, served in Egypt at El Alamein, before returning to Australia and Borneo in the war against Japan. This trip was a wonderful experience and all the veterans are extremely grateful to the Dept of Vet Affairs.



## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is Cuchulainn for his persistence and hard work to learn his spelling words. Great effort Cuchulainn.



### Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to April's winner Jack Hodgett for his outstanding contribution at camp. Super work Jack!!

Thanks to everyone for making me feel so welcome at Highlands PS. It has been a busy start but I am very impressed with the level of student engagement and co-operation. I am very excited about my next 6 weeks!

Wedding gift: On Monday we worked extra hard to make a patchwork wedding wall hanging for Allyson. Students worked in pairs and used ribbons, lace, beads, pearls, glitter, feathers and many other interesting things to make squares with a wedding theme.

### Fumie's visit

Back in the early 90s Fumie was an intern who visited Highlands PS from Japan. On Wednesday Fumie will bring her family to visit Highlands PS. If you remember Fumie from her time here please come up and catch up with her.

50 Nights Reading Awards - Congratulations to Kendall who has read 50 nights already this year. Well done!

### Student Awards

Senior Room

Spelling: Jack, Jarrad, Kassie, Cuchulainn, Laura, Imogen, Kelly

Tables: Michael, Kelly, Jack, Laura, Imogen

Junior Room

Reading: Rick, Emillie, Kendall  
Counting: Kaylam, James, Rick  
Tables: John

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 2.12

The current cutoff date for articles for TGN is Monday morning. Happy birthday Mavis. A number of people have asked me for Lockie Cameron's weather website. It is [www.granitehillswater.id.au](http://www.granitehillswater.id.au).

The Granite News has stayed out of the water debate as there has been a lot of publicity on all sides in the press. I have included a brief synopsis of another alternative which was sent to me by a friend, Brad Evans. He has written this paper as a community service with no financial gain in mind.

## Blackberries, Wedge Tailed Eagles and Wine

I hope that doesn't sound like a recipe! Last Friday night over 40 people attended a fantastic evening organized by the Highlands Landcare. First was a talk by Greg Wood, DPI on the blackberry program which will be starting soon in Highlands. 102 landowners have been contacted by the DPI. A Steering Committee of Scott McKay, Peter Stahle, Richard Wallis and Miranda Yorston has been set up to work with the DPI and represent the community and their concerns. More information coming soon. A future direction for Landcare is a revegetation program to support the sprayed areas and to ensure that habitat for small animals is established.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by David Middleton on Wedge tailed eagles. David spoke passionately for an hour and we were all engrossed. A few interesting facts - they are the 4th largest eagle in the world, there are only 400 left in Tasmania, they are NOT an economic threat to farmers, their main diet is rabbits, dead or sick animals, placentas, they clean up the mess, they are highly evolved anatomically and have the same organs as humans, younger birds have lighter plumage and nests are approximately 5 kilometers apart. They don't breed until 6 or 7 years old.

### Is there someone who would like to volunteer to collect information on where the nests are?

We can then map them for future research and tracking of birds. This will help us develop a better understanding. Please ring Miranda 57969261

## Community What's On Calendar—May/June/July

Weekbeg5th May	TeripTeripmowingroster JillDavidsonLesandSoniaSloanBothsidesofSpringsRoadandall4courts Highlands-CaveatCFARosterCrewB
Wednesday 7th May	Bison at Euroa Winter-active DUNG BEETLES cultivating your paddocks 9.30 am to 12.00 pm John Feehan- International dung beetle expert & dung beetle supplier Cindy Edward- Integrated Pest Management Specialist • Dung burial demonstrations of cow & horse dung. • Demonstration soil pits showing: o Dung burial, o Brood balls & egg laying, o Mixing of topsoil & sub-soil. BBQ lunch courtesy-Marcus O'Dwyer & Fort Dodge, makers of Cydectin. Meet at "Tinten" (property of Stuart Cameron), 1036 Euroa-Mansfield Rd, Euroa. Enquiries: Bertram Lobert RSVP for catering- Bertram Lobert: (BH) 5790 8606 bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au
Friday9thMay	Let'shaveamealtogetherinourrenovated HighlandsHall. Bringfood& drinkstoshare. Theevening willstartat6pmwith'DrinksontheDeck' (weather permitting).Youdon'thavetolivein Highlandstojoin us.
Saturday10th May	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -Dev'lishMary - oldtimey&westernswing 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.)orinformation.
Thursday, 15th May.	TheHughes'CreekCollaborativewillbemeetingatWhiteheadsCreekHallat7.30pm.Thisisanopportunity tofindoutwhatothersareworkingon,socomealongifyoucansparethetimeandareinterested.TheCol- laborativehasbeentryingtofindasolutionthroughbettermanagementtothehorrificdamagebeingdoneto thepeacefulnaturalenvironmentofHughesCreeknearBunglebooriebyhordesofmotorbikecampers.If youhavelovedthiscreekandcareaboutityoushouldhaveyoursay.WritetoStrathbogieShireexpressing yourconcernanddemandaction.ContactJanetHagenformoreinformationonthisdisaster jhagen@bigpond.com
Sunday18th May,	TherewillbeaVocalNoshsessionattheRuffyProduceStorefrom 6.00pmto8.30pm.Enjoysingingsongs togetherthatcanbelearntquicklyandharmonisedbyeveryone.Cost\$10.00includes aheartysoupmeal withcoffee.Presentedby EuroaVocalNoshsingingleaders. Enquiriesatthestoreorph.ChrisDay 57903354.
Thursday22nd May	HCRFBGeneralmeeting7.30pmatthehallfollowedbytheAGMandbiennialelectionofofficebearers,all welcome.Electionsstartat7.30pmandAGMtofollow,membersmustattendtovote.
24th/25thMay	TheHighlandsLandcaregrouphasextendedaninvitationtotheLentilAsAnythingteamtojoinusinHigh- lands.Weinvite membersofthecommunitytojoinusforsometree -plantingontheSaturdayafternoonand foralocalrambleontheSundaymorning.TherewillbeadinnerattheHighlandsHallonSaturdayevening foramaximumof50peoplebasedontheLAAprinciple.PlacesmustbereservedbycontactingJenny Webbon57969236orkobyboyn@activ8.net.auorMirandaon57969261ormiranda@activ8.net.au.
Sunday 25thMay	HighlandsRamblersmeetat10.30attheHighlandsHallforthe postponedwalk,ledbyAndrewShaw.En- quiries toPegLade -57969222.
Wed MAY28	7.30pmTeripTeripRuralFireBrigadeBiennialGeneralMeetingwillbeheldatTeripTeripRecreationRe- serveHallAllIWelcomeAnyenquiries -BernieMcMahon Secretary -Treasurer
Thurs29th	BBQatCaveatchurch.BYOdrinksandenjoyasausagefor\$2andacatchupwithfriendsandneighbours.
Thursday29& Friday30May	2008VictorianLandcareForum -CreswickWhere:NovotelForestResort,1500MidlandHighway, Creswick Registrationsclose:Friday2May2008Moreinformation:emailForumSecretariatvialand- care.forum2008@dse.vic.gov.auorcontactDougEvans -PPWCMA'sCommunityEngagementManager
Sunday1st June	'WalkandTalk'TourofTallarook'Wildman'Country9.30amStartingfromtheTallarookMechanicsInstitute Hall.Twoguestspeakers,RobertHollingworth,„authorof'TheycalledmetheWildman",willdiscussthe 'Wildman'ofTallarookandthehistoryofthearea.Dr.NoelSchleigerwillspeakabouttheuniquegeologyof Tallarookaswemovedownthemountain.\$10tocoverlunch,kidsfree.Bookingssential:Peasecontact CarolineMossmorrisc@aapt.net.auor57841177orBarbaraMossMitchell.moss@iinet.net.auor57842524
Friday6th June	FirstFridayofthemonthdinneratTheRuffyProduceStore.Don'tforgettobooktomakesureyouhavea seatPH57904387

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## "Lentil As Anything"

Shanaka Fernandowas named Australia's Local Hero in 2007 for his work in establishing the not-for-profit restaurant chain, "Lentil As Anything".

By establishing the "Lentil As Anything" concept, Shanaka has demonstrated how a commercial enterprise can be operated on a socially responsible, idealistic and altruistic basis and still be financially successful and popular with the public. The restaurant chain celebrates compassion, individuality and artistic expression within a philosophy that challenges and defies our consumerist society. The policy of "no set prices", where customers pay only what they can afford or think that the meal is worth, is a social experiment that encourages people to confront their conscience and their ethics. AND the food is great.

Growing up in Sri Lanka Shanaka realised that enriched communities are not always those endowed with technology and fiscal wealth. He noticed that dynamic and vibrant communities are recreated through active participation, creativity and genuinity in an encouraging and trusting environment.

Today the Lentil as anything restaurants encourage new members of the Australian "family" to represent their cultures of origin in culinary and artistic expression. They provide assistance with English proficiency and computer literacy, offer instruction in driver training and hospitality, provide assistance with housing and legal matters and most of all, provide a supportive and secure community.

He noticed that there are refugees experienced generosity, warmth and openness amongst country people that they rarely see in a city environment and it proved to be a valuable community building experience for all concerned.

The Highlands Landcare group has extended an invitation to the Lentil As Anything team to join us in Highlands on the weekend of 24th/25th May. We invite members of the community to join us for some tree-planting on the Saturday afternoon and for a local ramble on the Sunday morning. There will be a dinner at the Highlands Hall on Saturday evening for a maximum of 50 people based on the LAA principle. Places must be reserved by contacting Jenny Webbon 57969236 or kobyboyn@activ8.net.au or Miranda on 57969261 or miranda@activ8.net.au.

## Aquifer Storage & Recovery - A Paper Discussing Options for Melbourne's Water Supply.

**Synopsis**  
The Victorian Government has planned to resolve the state's water shortage by embarking on 2 major water projects, The Surf Coast Desalination Plant costing \$4.9 billion and The North South Pipeline costing \$1.3 billion. There is substantial protest from many sectors of the community about both of these projects however until now a viable alternative has not been forthcoming to resolve the water shortage of the state.

ASR (Aquifer Storage & Recovery) is the process of diverting the storm water from the drains and channels around Melbourne and storing them in the aquifers located below Melbourne. Once stored, people can draw from the aquifers as a source of second grade water for general use thereby freeing up the state's fully purified water.

This paper discusses the potential for the ASR option. This paper can be downloaded from: <http://www.mediafire.com/download.php?djk3exy19n9>

## Dental Service

School Dental Vans have now been replaced with Dental Clinics. Seymour Dental Clinic is in the Gribbles Building near the Seymour Hospital. PH 57936126. At present it is open Monday-Thursday 8.15am - 4.30pm. Bookings for this clinic are made through the Bendigo Office PH 54546910. Seymour Clinic can be phoned directly only if the child has a toothache. Cost on non-health care card holders is \$27.50 and children are seen until grade 6. health care card holders - no cost and children seen until Year 8

## FOR SALE

Honda CRF 150F hasn't been used much, 2006 model \$2,800

Ring Oliver PH 57969261



## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

REDBOX -(Eucalyptus polanthes) is a well known tree, often rather crooked in form, unlike Yellow and Grey Box, and has distinctly greyish vate leaves. The wood is red, and durable, makes excellent furniture and is about the best fuel. (But what a shame to burn it!) In the Goulburn Broken Catchment, it found on lower slopes and hills, on usually very poor soils.



## RAINFALL

For April, Highlandshadameagre 20.6mms, making 189.8 for the year so far. Terip only managed 11.6 for April, with a year to date of 182.4. Not enough!

## LOST:

One adult peahen from Caveat/ Dropmore Road (next to Antcliffe Chase Vineyard). If anyone has seen her, please ring Isabelle 57904247.

## Reminder

### Final call for bulb orders

Bulb orders need to be returned to the school ASAP. The order will be sent in this Friday, 9th May  
From Sharyn Shaw

## For Sale

Guinea Fowl \$15 @  
Phone Rayon 57904382 after dark or 57921417 and leave a message

## WANTED

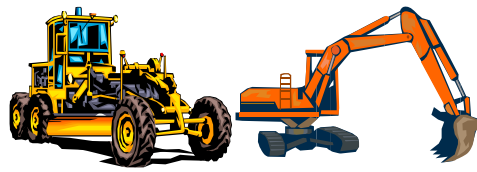
Yabbies to buy. Yabbies up to 80mm for Jeremy and Ariel Graf, 20cents each PH 57969243

Thank you to all those people who are saving their empty toilet rolls and dropping them into HPS for planting grasses in the new arboretum.

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