



PEOPLE AND PLACES

BUNGLE BOORI

“The Bend in the River”

2009 will mark 75 years since the Kimpton family acquired BUNGLE BOORI on Hughes Creek in 1878, Richard Fitzgerald settled where the present buildings stand – in a tent and a bark hut. Later, he made bricks of local clay and built a 3 -roomed cottage, with a cellar and adjacent well. This still stands, and has been added to. Several very ancient fruit trees have survived, pear, mulberry, quince and lemon.

Fitzgerald sold in 1897 to the Arkells and the McAlisters owned the property, known as “Ben Nevis” from 1920 to 1934. Victor and Margaret Kimpton built the Spanish style house, using blocks of local granite. It is now dwarfed by an enormous spreading plane tree, and has a view to the creek, encompassing a magnificent red gum.

In 1965, a devastating bush fire burnt from Longwood, through Bungle Boori, and as far as Fernside at Highlands. After his parents’ deaths in 1966, Stephen Kimpton and his wife Sheila, took over the property. They lived in Melbourne, but always retained a keen interest. For many years, Ed Kennedy was the manager until he retired in the late 60s. His wife, Win, was a great gardener, is now 97. The present manager (since 1992) is Brian Tolley, ably assisted by his wife, Marj - both are well known in the district, and their 2 children, Leah and Andrew, attended the Ruffy School.

Stephen died in 1997, and Sheila, who is 92, has always gained much pleasure from seeing the garden develop, and having a great interest and input in the running of the cattle enterprises.

The Murray Greys achieved considerable success at Royal Melbourne and Sydney Easter Shows

Stephen had 5 daughters, 4 of whom retain ownership.

Bungle Boori is unique in having an 8 km frontage to Hughes creek, with adjoining productive land. Because of its high, rugged hills, it is a difficult property to run, but it has given immense pleasure and satisfaction to 4 generations of Kimptons and their many friends. By Peg Lade

**NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Student of the Week

This week’s student of the week is Kelly, staying focused on her learning and always encouraging others. Way to go Kelly!

**Cross Country and Literacy
visit to Flowerdale PS**

On Thursday we travelled to Flowerdale PS. The seniors participated in the Cross Country run and the juniors joined the Flowerdale P -2 class for literacy. Thank you to the parents who provided transport - Maree Gilbert, Sharyn Shaw, Natalie Wischer. Everyone had a terrific day and were great representatives for Highlands PS. Congratulations to all the runners. Special mention to Imogen (4th), Kasia (3rd), Laura (4th) and Michael (2nd) who have made it to Zone Cross Country.



The framed quilt made by the students as a wedding present and Allyson loved it!

Student Awards

Senior Room

Spelling: Michael x2 (from last week and this week), Kelly, Jack, Imogen, Kasia, Jarrad
Tables: Kasia, Laura, Imogen, Jack, Kelly, Michael

Junior Room

Reading: Kaylam, James, Lachie, Kendall
Spelling: John
Tables: Lachie, Kendall

WELCOME TO ISSUE 2.13

A note from one of our readers
“I thought it might be a good idea to put a reminder in the paper about people drying clothes by their heater over winter, we had a shirt catch on fire that was hanging on a coat hanger off our freestanding fireplace flue. Very scary, we were very lucky to have been at home and our fire alarm working.”
from Renee

Thank you to Rick McAlpin for offering to go on the Blackberries Steering Committee to make sure Caveat is represented.

Eagles Update

Thank you to the people who have contacted me about eagles’ nests. Keep them coming to miranda@activ8.net or what you have observed, just put the date and place on it and I’ll keep a journal of all your stories.

We have been offered some funding to help our research soonce we have established where the nests are then we will be using some tracking devices on some of the birds. I have no idea how you put a device on an eagle!

A reminder from David Middleton “Just a reminder, if anyone comes across sick, dying or dead eagles I would like to know soon rather than later. We can get quite a lot of information out of fresh specimens. If there is a problem with us getting our hands on the material (ie an unavoidable delay) it is best to throw the bodies whatever in the freezer. Freezing is not good for histopathology (it breaks up tissue architecture) but it is the best option for any delay greater than 24 hours”.

Is there anyone out there who would do the recording of the nests, please??

Community Grants Program

The current round of Council’s Community Grants program closes on 30 May 2008. Council encourages all interested individuals and groups to apply.

The grants are primarily for once-off or start up projects however applications for recurrent funding may be considered. Applications for \$500 do not require a matching contribution whereas applications for amounts between \$500 to \$5,000 do require matching contribution or in-kind. www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au (Council > Community Services)
For further enquiries please contact Sandra Saxton on 0357720304.

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

Weekbeg12th	TeripTeripmowingroster SueMartinTimAndrewsandAndrewHollowayCarparkandall4courts
Thursday, 15th May.	TheHughes' CreekCollaborativewillbemeetingatWhiteheadsCreekHallat7.30pm.Thisisanopportunity tofindoutwhatothersareworkingon,socomealongifyoucansparethetimeandareinterested.TheCol- laborativehasbeentryingtofindasolutionthroughbettermanagementtothehorrificdamagebeingdoneto thepeacefulnaturalenvironmentofHughesCreeknearBunglebooriebyhordesofmotorbikecampers.If youhavelovedthiscreekandcareaboutityoushouldhaveyoursay.WritetoStrathbogieShireexpressing yourconcernanddemandaction.ContactJanetHagenformoreinformationonthisdisaster jhagen@bigpond.com
Saturday 17th May	WorkingBee -HighlandsCommunityHall -Wearegettingneartheendoftherenovationswhichisgreat. At theworkingbeeweareplanningtocreatetheoutdoorChessBoard&to completethepaintinginsidethe hall. Pleasejoinusbetween9am&12noon. FormoreinformationcontactJudyReidon57969358.
Sunday 18th May,	TherewillbeaVocalNoshsessionattheRuffyProduceStorefrom 6.00pmtto8.30pm.Enjoysingsongs togetherthatcanbelearntquicklyandharmonisedbyeveryone.Cost\$10.00includes aheartysoupmeal withcoffee.Presentedby EuroaVocalNoshsingingleaders. Enquiriesatthestoreorph.ChrisDay 57903354.
Thursday 22nd May	HCRFBGeneralmeeting7.30pmatthehallfollowedbytheAGMandbiennialelectionofofficebearers,all welcome.Electionsstartat7.30pmandAGMtofollow, members must attend to vote .Anymemberof HCRFBwhowishestoviewnominationsfortheupcomingvoting,thelistofnamesisnowbeingdisplayed ontheFireshednoticeboard.
Thursday 22nd	WhiteheadsCreekLandcareMeeting7.30,withKimWilson,BiodiversityActionPlancoordinatorforourarea
24th/25th May	TheHighlandsLandcaregrouphasextendedaninvitationtotheLentilAsAnythingteamtjoinusinHigh- lands.Weinvitemembersofthecommunitytojoinusforsometree -plantingontheSaturdayafternoonand foralocalrambleontheSundaymorning.TherewillbeadinnerattheHighlandsHallonSaturdayevening foramaximumof50peoplebasedontheLAAprinciple.PlacesmustbereservedbycontactingJenny Webbon57969236orkobyboyn@activ8.net.auorMirandaon57969261ormiranda@activ8.net.au.
Sunday 25th May	HighlandsRamblersmeetat10.30attheHighlandsHallforthe postponedwalk,ledbyAndrewShaw.En- quiriestoPegLade -57969222.
Wed MAY28	7.30pmTeripTeripRuralFireBrigadeBiennialGeneralMeetingwillbeheldatTeripTeripRecreationRe- serveHallAllIWelcomeAnyenquiries -BernieMcMahon Secretary -Treasurer 57904352
Thurs 29th	BBQatCaveatchurch.BYOdrinksandenjoyasausagefor\$2andacatchupwithfriendsandneighbours.
Thursday 29& Friday 30 May	2008VictorianLandcareForum -CreswickWhere:NovotelForestResort,1500MidlandHighway, Creswick Registrationsclose:Friday2May2008Moreinformation:emailForumSecretariatviaand- care.forum2008@dse.vic.gov.auorcontactDougEvans -PPWCMA'sCommunityEngagementManager (tel:92964662,doug.evans@ppwcma.vic.gov.au)
Sunday 1st June	'WalkandTalk'TourofTallarook'Wildman'Country9.30amStartingfromtheTallarookMechanicsInstitute Hall.Twoguestspeakers,RobertHollingworth,,authorof'TheycalledmetheWildman',willdiscussthe 'Wildman'ofTallarookandthehistoryofthearea.Dr.NoelSchleigerwill speakabouttheuniquegeologyof Tallarookaswemoveddownthemountain.\$10tocoverlunch,kidsfree.Bookingsessential:Peasecontact CarolineMossmorrisc@aapt.net.auor57841177orBarbaraMossMitchell.moss@iinet.net.auor57842524
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Classifieds & Community Notices

Yangon in April

Friends frequently ask me how I enjoyed my "holiday" in Myanmar. I'm never quite sure how to answer this. As I contemplate the answer that is expected, I can almost feel the intense heat and choking dust that characterizes Yangon in April. I think of the long trip over the roughest of roads, squeezed in the back of an old van, devoid of any suspension.

Then I see the faces of the children I have had the privilege to teach. Their faces are full of anticipation, a picture of earnest endeavour, dwelling upon my every word. I recall the one piece of chalk, the tatty old blackboard and the book of Australian animals that are my only resources. I can hear the children's voices as they recite in unison the English words that they are trying to memorise. I suspect that they don't yet know the full extent to which proficiency in English might aid them in the future. Their quest for knowledge is quite inspiring and their concentration span challenges my resourcefulness.

I remember the mornings spent at an orphanage in a poor district outside Yangon. Because the power is rationed, there is no electric light or fan to circulate the stifling air. The 40 children are seated on the floor, listening intently as the teacher jets fly overhead, patrolling the skies above the city. It seems no one but me notices the interruptions, such as their determination to learn and their enthusiasm for all activities unimaginable in their school system.

It is impossible to forget how, at the end of the morning, the children file past, each one shaking my hand and thanking me with an appreciation which is so moving in its sincerity.

I think about how my life has changed as a result of these experiences and how teaching in Myanmar has opened a new chapter in my life.

But most of all, having just returned from the area now ravaged by the cyclone, I am haunted by the faces of the children who have become so precious to me.

There is no way of communicating with them at present. I must trust in the amazing determination and resilience of those who care for them and hope for the best.

If anyone wants to know more about this devastating situation or how they can help, please contact Jenny Webb on 57969236 or email kobyboyn@activ8.net.au.

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BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

The RED -RUMPED PARROT, sometimes called the Grass Parrot, is much smaller than the well known Rosellas. The male has a brilliant emerald green head and neck, the lower back is bright red and the underparts are yellow. The female is quite dull in colour, as are the immatures. They are often seen in flocks or pairs, feeding on the ground, and like most parrots, they nest in hollows of trees and stumps. As they rely on seeding grasses, regularly mowed lawns are not acceptable - here's a good excuse for not mowing!



Yea Tennis

The social night tennis competition is looking for new, current and old members for their winter competition starting in June. All tennis players are encouraged to come and enjoy the laughter, chatter and end of course, physical activity of the social competition. The night competition will be run on Tuesday or Wednesday nights starting at 7pm. Anyone wanting to play, please call Yea Tennis Club Secretary, Natalie Wischeron 57360461



This is the photo taken by Bruce Heath from the Highlands Ramblers last walk with carvings, possibly from 1887, cut into the tree

WANTED

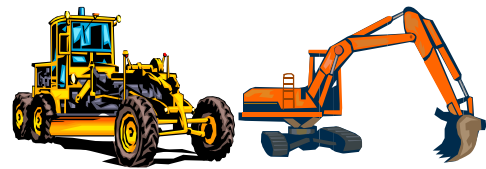
Yabbies to buy. Yabbies up to 80mm for Jeremy and Ariel Graf, 20cents each PH 57969243

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.

Rocky
Passes



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