



PEOPLE AND PLACES

CORRIE and the late TONY WITLOX, of Terip, left Holland for a new life in Australia in 1958.

The climate and open space to which they were coming, would be an enormous contrast to the crowded country they were leaving. Tony was born in Indonesia and Corrie was brought up in Holland.

The Dutch Government, in the 1950s, were providing passage to Australia, using otherwise empty seats. Corrie and Tony were given 1st class air seats, and 25 pound sea chon arrival, which was then their worldly wealth.

Migran hostels were not attractive places, but they soon got good jobs. With youth, optimism and ability, they progressed rapidly to starting their own business in Shepparton, in office machine technology. Their 2 daughters were born there, (there are now 5 grandchildren).

Shepparton became too crowded for Tony in the early 80s, and they found the Terip property, which was formerly owned by the Spaniak.

Tony had acquired many skills in Holland, and these were put to good use as he and Corrie enlarged the house, with a paved veranda hall round. They planted lots of trees and a garden and ran cattle.

In 1987 Tony learnt to fly - his passion - and flew an Ultra Light aircraft all over Australia, until tragically, last year, the plane crashed.

Corrie now leases the land, while keeping the house and surrounds immaculate. She is a skilled quilter and embroiderer, and has been Secretary of the Alexandra Quilters for 10 years. She is organizing a Statewide gathering in Alexandra in November for the Vic Quilters.

Corrie is an observant naturalist, and loves the birds, the nearby bush, and the ancient, huge Messmates lining her road. She keeps the official Terip rainfall records for the Met Bureau, and has a full and interesting life.

By Peg Lade

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week



This week's student of the week is Kaylam Kirkham for being helpful and staying focused on his learning, particularly his work on letters. Great work Kaylam!

Education Week

This week is Education Week. This is a state wide celebration of schools, students and teachers. On Monday Flowerdale PS visited for the day. Students rotated through a variety of activities and had an opportunity to reunite with friends made on camp and during our Cross Country/Literacy visit last week. There was a BBQ and fruit lunch provided.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to Junior School Council and Miranda for organizing a very successful Mother's Day stall. I'm sure all mothers were thrilled with their gifts. The stall raised \$68.10 - a outstanding effort.

50 Nights Reading Awards

Congratulations to Kaylam who has read 50 nights already this year. Great effort!

Student Awards Senior Room

Spelling: Jarrad, Cuchulainn, Laura, Imogen, Michael
Tables: Cuchulainn, Imogen, Jack, Kelly, Michael, Kassie
Home Learning: Jarrad. Congratulations to Imogen and Laura for excellent worm farms.

Junior Room

Reading: James, Lachie, Kendall, Emillie,
Tables: Lachie, John, Walter
Home Learning: John

WELCOME TO ISSUE 2.14

Welcome and thank you for all the positive emails I have been receiving about The Granite News. It is very reassuring as it is often a little strange beavering away at the computer in the kitchen wondering if this is relevant and what people are interested in. Send any articles to miranda@activ8.net.au. Please keep sending any sightings of eagles and location of nests.

DO YOU HAVE A CHRONIC DISEASE?

A chronic disease is a persistent or continuing disease or health problem that usually requires continuing treatment and causes pain and/or discomfort. Chronic diseases include heart diseases, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, emphysema, depression, osteoporosis and other long-lasting problems.

If you have a chronic disease you are certainly not alone. 77% of all Australians have at least one chronic disease. 80% of all people aged 65 or over have at least one chronic disease. In fact, 70% of all health expenditure in Australia goes to treatment of chronic disease.

On 27 May, hospitals and other health agencies and interests in the Mitchell and Murrumbidgee areas will meet to discuss this important topic and to plan improved chronic disease services in this region. This conference will be addressed by Professor Malcolm Battersby from Flinders University's School of Medicine in South Australia, a nationally renowned authority on the management of chronic diseases.

The Seymour & District U3A and the Mitchell Community Health Service have arranged for Professor Battersby to give a public talk in Seymour on this topic. He will talk about how to deal with the health system to get the best results. He will give advice on ways to effectively self-manage your health problem to provide a more comfortable and satisfying lifestyle. This is a very exciting opportunity to have such an eminent expert talk on such an important topic. All are welcome to this free public talk.

The talk will be held at 2.00pm on 27 May 2008 at the RSL Hall, 2 Station Street, Seymour. Enquiries: Seymour & District U3A 57991970

Mitchell Community Health Service
57845555

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

Weekbeg19th	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFB TruckRosterDougHalpinShaunClarkeNickCoulson -ScottJames TeripTeripmowingroster RogerandSandyEddyMarkIrelandAroundClubhouseandall4courts
Thursday22nd May	HCRFBGeneralmeeting7.30pmatthehallfollowedbytheAGMandbiennialelectionofficebearers,all welcome.Electionsstartat7.30pmandAGMtofollow, members must attend to vote .Anymemberof HCRFBwhowishestoviewnominationsfortheupcomingvoting,thelistofnamesisnowbeingdisplayed ontheFireshednoticeboard. Votingwillbedonebysecretballot
Thursday22nd	WhiteheadsCreekLandcareMeeting7.30,withKimWilson,BiodiversityActionPlancoordinatorforourarea
24th/25thMay	TheHighlandsLandcaregrouphasextendedaninvitationtotheLentilAsAnythingteamtojoinusinHighlands.Weinvite membersofthecomunitytojoinusforsometree -plantingontheSaturdayafternoonand foralocalrambleontheSundaymorning.JennyWebbon57969236orkobyboyn@activ8.net.au
Sunday25th May	HighlandsRamblesmeetat10.30attheHighlandsHallforthe postponedwalk,ledbyAndrewShaw.En- quiriestoPegLade -57969222.
25May -31 May2008	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterChrisHeadJohnDalzielTimHayesLindsayHeffer
Wed MAY28	7.30pmTeripTeripRuralFireBrigadeBiennialGeneralMeetingwillbeheldatTeripTeripRecreationRe- serveHallAllWelcomeAnyenquiries -BernieMcMahon Secretary -Treasurer 57904352
Thurs29th	BBQatCaveatchurch.BYOdrinksandenjoyasausagefor\$2andacatchupwithfriendsandneighbours.
Saturday31st May	TheBlackMarketatRockyPasses10am -12pm[localslow,lowkilometrefoodswapping/selling/buying]with JonoRumbold"lntheKitchen"at11amcookinghisfrittata. Althoughwe'reinbetweenseasons,youmight havesomepreserves,eggSORACAKEortwothatyoumightliketoswap...Orjustdropinforachat. Enquiries:57969366.
Sunday1st June	'WalkandTalk'TourofTallarook'Wildman'Country9.30amStartingfromtheTallarookMechanicsInstitute Hall.Twoguestspeakers,RobertHollingworth,,authorof'TheycalledmetheWildman',willdiscussthe 'Wildman'ofTallarookandthehistoryofthearea.Dr.NoelSchleigerwillspeakabouttheuniquegeologyof Tallarookaswemoveddownthemountain.\$10tocoverlunch,kidsfree.Bookingssential:Peasecontact CarolineMossmorrisc@aapt.net.auor57841177orBarbaraMossMitchell.moss@iinet.net.auor57842524
1st -7thJune	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRoster BarryRowarth -MauroDelFrateGeoffHalpin -RalphProvan
Frid6thJune	FirstFridayofthemothdinneratTheRuffyProduceStore.Don'tforgettobookPH57904387
Friday6th June	SeedProductionArea&ScienceForumWhoisinvolved?DrLindaBroadhurst,CSIRO,Canberra DrPaulGibson -Roy,GreeningAustralia,MelbourneJimBegley,DepartmentofPrimaryIndustries,Benalla AnneOvington,BallaratRegionSeedBank,CreswickWhatisitalabout?THEAIMOFTHEDAYThisexc- itingcommunityforumwillpresentaseriesoftalksonSeedProductionAreas,includingthegenetic consid- erations,andtwocasestudiesthatincludetheGrassyGroundcoverResearchProjectandtheEuroaSeed ProductionArea.TheforumwillalsobeanopportunitytoexaminerecentCSIROresearchand recommen- dationsimpactingnativevegetationmanagementandseedproduction.WHOSHOULDATTEND?Allare welcome,includinganyoneinterestedindevelopingorextendingtheirrevegetationandconservationskills orlookingtoestablishaseedproductionareainthefuture.SendregistrationstoSimonHeyes,POBox435, Creswick,Vic3363Phone:(03)53214154Email:SHeyes@gavic.org.au
8 -14June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterMarkStokesVictorOles WesJeffery -RobWales
Friday13th June	'DrinksontheDeck'dinnerat6pm. Comealong&seethechangestothehallforyourself. Bringsome food&drinkstoshare&meetyourneighboursfromnear&far!HighlandsHall
15-21June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterAshleyWaiteMickLeathamMichaelLakerGlenWatson
22 -28June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterJohnWoodJamesMattersRobHaynesDarrenBrock
SATURDAY 26THJULY, 2008	TERIPTERIPCOMMUNITYDINNERCHRISTMASINJULY THERECRESERVE 6PMFORSHERRIESANDNIBBLES7PMDINNERBYODRINKS&GLASS\$15PERPERSON - \$5FORSCHOOLCHILDRENPLEASEBRINGCHRISTMASNIBBLESORDESSERTBESTCHRIST- MASPUDDINGCOMPETITIONRSVP,WEDNESDAY23RDJULY LUCRAVEN -57904011,FRANCESLAWRENCE -0432324929

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SEYMOUR & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

IS DESALINATION AN ANSWER?

A challenging talk by Professor Stephen Gray 2.00pm on 3 June Salvation Army Hall, Victoria Street, Seymour

Major desalination plants are now operating or planned in all mainland states of Australia. In Western Australia

wind powered plant currently supplies freshwater to the Perth metropolitan area. A solar powered plant is planned

for Port Augusta in South Australia. Sydney and the Gold Coast have signed up to desalination projects. And

Victoria will have a major desalination plant at Wonthaggi producing 150 billion litres of water per annum by the

end of 2011. Is this the solution to all of our water problems? Why not use the resources of the oceans around

Australia – after all, isn't that where all of our rain comes from anyway? With desalination plants now being built all around the world, what is the reason for controversy about them?

Professor Stephen Gray will provide a clear explanation of the technology behind desalination, and talk about the environmental and economic issues that desalination raises. This talk will provide you with knowledge and understanding necessary to better consider the contribution that desalination will make to our future water supplies.

Professor Stephen Gray is the Director of the Institute of Sustainability and Innovation at Victoria University, where he is responsible for research and education in water, energy and sustainable buildings. He was previously team leader of CSIRO Urban Water and has extensive experience researching water and wastewater treatment and sustainable water systems and working with industry in these areas.

Melting Pot is a monthly forum where eminent guest speakers enrich us with knowledge, stimulating ideas and discussion. It is held at 2.00pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Salvation Army Hall, Victoria Street, Seymour. All U3A members and their friends are welcome.

For enquiries about Seymour & District U3A contact the Secretary: Carol Smith 57991970

SENIORS INVITED TO SPEAK UP

SENIORS living in Seymour and surrounding districts are invited to raise issues of concern with members of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Victorians at a free community forum next month.

The Member for Seymour, Ben Hardman, said the Seniors Speak Up! community forum would be held on Wednesday June 11 from 2.30pm to 4pm at the Mitchell Shire offices in High St, Seymour.

The Seniors Speak Up! round table is FREE and seniors wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to Chloe Duncan, phone 92083880 or email council@seniors.vic.gov.au.

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Neighbourhood Watch Creightons Creek, Ruffy, Terip and Longwood East

To try and prevent the theft of car number plates, we are holding a morning at the Creightons Creek Hall on Sat June 14 from 10am to 12noon to fit non-removable screws to car number plates. Cost is a good coin donation, and free refreshments will be available. Booking is not required, just turn up and bring your friends along also.

Also there has been some interest shown in NHWP purchasing some UV Marking pens, which are used for marking your belongings, particularly items such as stereos, TV's, computer setc. The pens have a purple coloured casing with a UV light attached and retail at approx \$4.00.

If anyone is interested in purchasing one of these pens could they let Roberta (57903317) know prior to our next meeting on Mon 2 June, Terip Hall at 8.00pm. If we have enough interest we will order after the meeting.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

PARSON'S BANDS (*Eriochilus cucullatus*) is a small autumn flowering orchid, which is widespread in much of Victoria. The leaf emerges and develops after flowering. This orchid was recorded recently in dry, forested ranges between Highlands and Whiteheads Creek, and is not doubt flowering in other areas in our catchment, so have a look in the bush.



'Drinks on the Deck'

I wasn't sure whether anyone would turn up but 17 people came to our first 'Drinks on the Deck' Dinner at the Highlands Community Hall. Although Doug was still recovering from his overseas adventure Peg arrived despite the fire in Lades Road that evening. People enjoyed the evening so much there will be another 'Drinks on the Deck' dinner on Friday 13th June at 6pm. Come along & see the change to the hall for yourself. Bring some food & drink to share & meet your neighbours from near & far!

From Judy Reid

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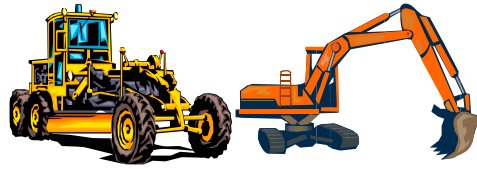
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