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PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is about individual challenges, and is open to anyone from 15-25 years.

The aim is to develop and encourage a sense of community and responsibility - SERVICE, and a spirit of adventure - ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY, participation in PHYSICAL RECREATION, and development of practical skills and personal interests - SKILLS.

Individuals choose their own programme of activities, and there are Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Assessors are available for supervision and to assess the achievements reached, and many secondary schools provide these, including Yea High School.

Two local teenagers, HARRIET and OLIVER YORSTON, of Highlands, opted for their Adventurous Journey, for their Silver Award, during their school holidays. This involved camping for 3 days and 2 nights, and a walk to a beautiful bush setting on Boundary Creek. With 3 friends, Matt and Chris Lowe of Yea, and Fearghus Wallis of Highlands, they hiked 7 kms, enjoying the extensive views on the way, and set up camp.

Unfortunately, they struck the worst possible weather, with almost no stop rain and drizzle, and temperatures around 5 degrees C. Cooking on an open fire was a challenge, but they managed to explore nearby hills, and build a bush hut - it leaked!

The fact that they stuck it out for the allotted time was a challenge in itself, and I think they deserve every glint of that silver!

Community Service for Harriet has included cleaning the Highlands Hall, and helping gather schools swimming club.

Oliver has worked at the old Highlands Arboretum, and has thoroughly enjoyed voluntary work at the Lorne Life Saving Club.

They are both doing the CFA minimum skills course at Ballarat, near their school. Physical Activity has never been a problem for either of them, with swimming, tennis, football, cricket, running and aerobics on their agendas.

So, for young people who want to have a purpose for their activities, have a go at this!

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

English is odd

Extraordinary. If extra -fine means "even finer than fine" and extra -large "even larger than large," why doesn't extraordinary mean "even more ordinary than ordinary?"

Performing Artist

Norman Brown is coming to Highlands Primary School at 1:30 pm on Wednesday July 30th. Norman performs with brass instruments, puppets and arrange performs a range of vaudeville style acts. The show lasts for approximately 1½ hours for the small charge of \$2.50 payable to the school on the day.

If you have a child Primary School age or lower please come along and enjoy the show. Contact Allyson on 57969208."

Ex HPS student published in The Age: Reading through the Education lift out from Monday's Age I was delighted to read a poem written by ex student Ryan Frazer. While Ryan was here, he demonstrated great talent in this area and achieved much success in the Children As Authors competitions.

In the Silence

In the silence
Not so much
For the whisper of wind
Rasp of breath
Crick of the bugs
Dark shadows loom....
Sixth sense tingles
Glittering stars silenced
By pregnant clouds
The longing
Torunaway, into the light
For fears sneaks all around
And violence tumbles
In the shrubs and bushes
And in the distance the drone of
Metallic beasts
By Ryan Frazer

Student of the Week

Emillie Stafford for her outstanding results in the Burt word test. Emillie read 22 more words than in her last test. Congratulations to Emillie and Rick for reading 100 nights this year!

'No matter how good teaching maybe, each student must take their responsibility for his own education.'
-John Carolus S.J.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 21

There has been a bit of confusion over the proposed Significant Road-side Vegetation areas. Stock will still be able to move through these areas.

If an area is suggested and you don't agree with the suggestion, just let us know so there is an opportunity for open, informed discussion. Ring me on 57969261 or any other member of Highlands Landcare Executive — Jenny Webb, Scott McKay, Jeff Swain, Jono Rumbold, Peg Lade and Sammy Strong. All suggestions will be taken to the local CFA group to ensure that no extra fire risk is being created.

Thank to Alistair Lade for the following: "A useful website that might be worth putting in Granite News as a number of Energy retailers are ringing around at the moment www.goswitch.com.au"

The Artist and Social Responsibility

There has been considerable discussion in the press about the photographic artwork of the well known Australian artist, Bill Henson. The issue raises a number of questions about "What is Art for?" This is the theme of the occasional Hi Arts "Conversations".

While the Bill Henson controversy seemed to deteriorate into issues of censorship, the wider role of the artist in society was largely overlooked. It is this issue that we want to pursue in our "Hi Arts Conversations". Is producing art simply a commercial issue or is it something else. What is art for? What is the role of the artist in the community? Many would say that the artist's role is to challenge our perspectives on society and how we understand it? Where does the concept of beauty come into equation? At the artist's heart is a "subversive"?

These are some of the issues we wish to address at our next "Arts and Ideas Conversation" on Saturday 2nd August. The Format will include several artists presenting their work in the context of this theme followed by general discussion.

It will be held in the Highlands Community Hall from 10am to 3pm. Cost \$10 per person (includes lunch and refreshments). RSVP to Marcia 57969256 (Numbers are limited)

Community What's On Calendar—July/August/September

Weekbeg28th	TeripTeripmowingroster HelenMcKenzie GeorgeandTrishUden BothsidesofSpringsRoadandall4courts
27July -02 Aug	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterA.Coulson -RalphProven RichardWaugh -ShaunClarke
Wednesday July30th.	PerformingArtistNormanBrowniscomingtoHighlandsPrimarySchoolat1:30pmNormanperformswith brassinstruments,puppetsandarange performsarangeofvaudevillestyleacts. Theshowlastforap- proximately1½hoursforthesmallchargeof\$2.50payabletotheschoolontheday. Ifyouhaveachild PrimarySchoolageorlowerpleasecomealongandenjoytheshow. AnyquestionscontactAllysonon57 969208.
Friday1Au- gust	RaimondGaitaProfessorofPhilosophyattheAustralianCatholicUniversityandProfessorofMoralPhiloso- phyatKing'sCollegeLondon,ShireHallAlexandra7.30 —9pmJoinusforaeveningofthoughtprovoking ideasonlove(truthandjustice(thechoiceswemakeandissueshatchallengeourworld) Bookings57720349
Tuesday12th August	IntroductiontoVolunteeringInformationsession.10 -12noon.SecondTuesdayofeverymonth.Mitchell ShireCouncilChambers,113HighStreet,Broadford.Morningteaprovided. FormoreinformationringCandice57346253oremailcandiceg@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au TransporttosessionsisavailablefreewithintheMitchellShire
2ndAugust, 2008	PreliminaryNotice:HiArtsConversation:"TheArtistandSocialResponsibility".HighlandsHall,10 -3pm. \$10.00registration.Morningteaandlunchprovided.
Sunday3Au- gust,	RuffyHall4pmBookings:0357904318Ticketswillbesoldatthedoorbutitisbesttobookandavoidpossi- bledisappointment. TheFirstSteponaTramIsHell,thelatestworkfromfeministcomedian,writerandperformerSueIngleton, commencesamuch-awaitedVictorianregionaltourthisJuly.Wrappingupasell-outseasonatthe2007 MelbourneInternationalComedyFestival,thisno-holds-barredrevelationofageingandagedcareisskillfully manipulatedanddevastatinglymishandledbyIngleton'salteregos,BillRawlingsandEdithWise.Talesof speeddatingforseniors,theprosandconsoprepaidfuneralsandtheperilsofthesidewalkemergefrom mindsthatnotonlywander-butoftenleavecompletely!"Perhapsthispieceismysalutetotheresilienceof oldage,"saidIngleton."Mylifeandmytheatreareinextricablyentwinedandsotheshowwill,likemylife,be chaotic,loose,disturbing,funny,truthful,fullofexaggerationandmostlyunpredictable!"SueIngletonisone ofAustralia'smosticonicactorsandcomediansaswellasamassinganextraordinarybodyofworkasa director,writerandteacherincludingFemaleoftheSpecies,TheSundayRoast(commissionedbyABCTV foracomedyseriespilot),AuntswithHotFlushesandAfterYou'veGone.
7thAugust	TheAnnualGeneralMeetingofHighlandsArtsExperiencewillbeheldat7.30pmintheHighlandsCommu- nityHall.Allmembersareinvitedandvisitorsaremostwelcome.Comealongandhaveyoursayonthe workofHiArts
Saturday30th August	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -GeneralStore -jazz,bluesswing &samba 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.)orinformation.
Saturday23rd August	TheWhiteHartHotel,Longwood.Liveband,startingat7.30pm.... -PaulWookeywithDamienO'Neil (Country&Blues)
Friday5th September	HighlandsPrimarySchoolTalentNightHighlandsHall7.30pmMoreinformationcoming.Markthedatein yourdiarynow.
Saturday6th September	GlidersontheGoulburn7:00pmLocation/Meetingpoint: LionsPark/NewCrossingPlacePark,Seymour - taketheturninatheRoyalHotel,EmilyStreet) Meetattheboatramp. Shortdescription:AspotlightwalkalongtheGoulburnRiverinSeymour. Possumsandglidersliveinthebig redgumsalongtheriver. Duringtheday,theysleepintreehollows,butemergeatnighttolookfortheir breakfast. Breakfastcanincludethesapofthewattlesalongtheriverbank,andweoftenseethelittle SugarGliderssoaringbetweentreestoreachthebestwaterfrontcafes. Koalasalsolivealongtheriver- bank,andwouldalsobeenjoyingtheirbreakfastofeucalyptleaves. Thewalkwillbeastrolloflessthan2 hours.AnythingtoBYO:Suitableclothesfortheweather,plustorches. RSVP/Formoreinformation,pleasecontact:PeterMitchell,DPIBroadfordon57840622or0409432498
13thSeptem- ber	WhiteheadsCreekLandcareAGM. Guestspeaker StevenRawlins whohasheldveryhighpositionsinthe DeptofAgricultureintheUS.Hewilltalkaboutthefutureoffoodproductioninatimeofheightenedcarbon dioxide..Sopleasecomealong,hearaveryinterestingspeaker,andcatchupwithyourfriendsand neighbours.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Nearly everyone will be familiar with the GREYSHRIKETHRUSH, which is very common, and has a beautiful, melodious song. This is a territorial call, but in winter you are more likely to hear a "ching". They often nest close to houses and sheds. One pair raised a family in an old paint tin, hanging near the board in our shear-ings shed. They slipped quietly in and out with almost no one noticing. The male has a black bill and the female's bill



Work Wanted

Highlands area. Farm fencing, farm hand, lawn mowing and gardening or odd jobs around the farm or house. Reasonable rates ABN supplied. Susan Milroy PH57969192

RABBITS AND CHEMICALS

Organize your ripping hours and chemical orders now. Maximum 80 ripping hours per landowner - Land-care provides a 50% subsidy. Chemicals include Brush Off, Wetter and Round Up. Ring Miranda as ap

POLICE REQUEST

A white station wagon, approx 10y.o is a vehicle of interest. A car and truck were stolen in Yea last Thursday and used to steal 2 ATVs in Limestone. Report any suspicious vehicle to Yea Police on 57972630 or Crime Stop-person 1300333000

FOR SALE

Staffordshire Puppy.
1 male, white & black, \$200 ONO.
Jeannie & Ken Webb PH57976255

WHO TO CALL IN A CRISIS

A crisis can come at any time. Most office based services work from 9.00 to 5.00 Monday to Friday so here are some telephone helplines that operate outside these hours. As well as helping you in a crisis, telephone counsellors can usually provide you with information and a list of other organisations that may be able to help

Emergency - ambulance, fire, police call triple zero (000) - 24 hours, 7 days a week
Poisons Information Centre - Tel. 131 126 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.rch.org.au/poisons

Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300606024 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.health.vic.gov.au/nurseoncall/

Lifeline - Tel. 131114 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.lifeline.org.au

Parentline - Tel. 132289 - 8am to midnight, Mon to Fri, 10am to 10pm, Sat + Sun - www.parentline.vic.gov.au

Maternal and Child Health Line - Tel. 132229 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.office-for-children.vic.gov.au/maternal-child-health/telephone

Kids Help Line - Tel. 1800551800 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.kidshelp.com.au

Gamblers Help - Tel. 1800156789, TTY 1800777706 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.problemgambling.vic.gov.au/problemgambling

Centre Against Sexual Assault - Tel. 1800806292 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.casa.org.au

Suicide Helpline - Tel. 1300651251 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.suicidehelpline.org.au

Direct Line - Drug/Alcohol counselling and information - 1800888236 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.counsellingonline.org.au
Men's Line Australia - Tel. 1300789 978 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.menslineaus.org.au

Child Protection Crisis Line - Tel. 13 1278 - 24 hours, 7 days a week - www.cyf.vic.gov.au/child-protection-family-services/home

Mental Health - Tel. 1300369005 - 24 hours, 7 days a week

Drought Personal Support Line - Tel. 1300655969 - 3pm to 11pm daily

Community Health at Yea Hospital - phone 57360400

NOTES FROM WALES RURAL TRADERS

Price rises seem to be a common theme of the last six months and there are more on the way.

STEEL

One Steel (Waratah) had a price rise at the beginning of the month and we are expecting another one soon, possibly as early as next month. Many popular lines are now on 6 to 8 weeks back order as One Steel struggle to meet demand. Most of the alternate wire companies have also just increased prices.

Sims Steel have a price rise coming on the first of next month. This affects RHS, angle iron etc. Price increases Gates and fittings 5 - 15% Chain mesh 18% Pipe 25% OIL Freight companies are now passing on the increased cost of fuel. Many suppliers have increased their fuel levy with some applying a levy for the first time. This has lifted the price of landed product generally.

Poly manufacturers have had increases in oil based raw materials. Water tanks, poly pipe and poly troughs have had, or are about to have, price increases.

CHEMICAL

Horticultural Products:
Please note that this season there will be a shortage of Mancozeb, Copper and Sulphur

These commodity products have increased significantly in price and some will be very hard to get.

Some good news, of sorts, is that the price of Roundup has stabilized and at this stage there are good supplies of glyphosate for Spring. Ring us on 57921088

KNITTING GRAFFITI WHAT IS IT?

Well it is something you can get involved in for the Hi - Arts. Have a look at www.knittaplease.com and then come and join Angela Wallis and her knitting crew.

We want to 'DOUP' the Highlands for the Hi Arts weekend.

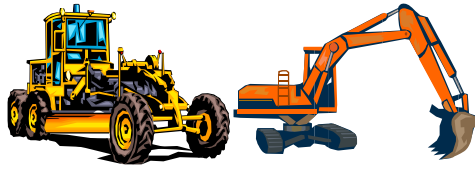
Can't you just see those letter boxes now???

We will be having our first Knitting workshop for the Highland Taggers at the Hall on Saturday Aug 9th 1pm - 5pm. Come and be creative. Bring needles, any fibre to knit up, and afternoon tea. Enquiries to Angela 57969255 or 0438969250

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