



PEOPLE AND PLACES



DON'T MESS WITH A RED - BACK!

Recently, I was sent this email, with the pictures, by a Field Naturalist friend.

"An officer receptionist at an electrical firm got the shock of her life when she found a 14cm long snake entangled in the web of a dead spider. She spotted the sight next to a desk in her office. The snake, which had obviously died from the spider's poisonous bite, was off the ground and caught up in the web.

Leon Lotz of the Arachnology Dept of the National Museum, said it was only the second time he had heard of a snake getting caught in a spider's web. It is believed the snake was caught on a Monday night, and the mark on the snake's stomach was evidence of where the spider had started to eat it. On the Wednesday, the spider rolled it up and started spinning a web around it, and kept lifting it higher off the ground, while continually snacking on it!"

Redback spiders are found throughout Australia. Mature females are jet black with a variable red stripe on the back of a spherical abdomen, which is about the size of a large pea. Male Redbacks are small and brown with red and white markings, are seldom seen and are not poisonous.

By Peg Lade

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week

Lachie Wischer: For listening to and acting upon advice from others.

Student Awards

Senior Room

Spelling: Laura, Imogen, Jarrad,

Tables: Kelly, Jack, Laura

Home Learning: Imogen, Jack Junior Room

Reading spelling words: Rick, Emillie

Spelling: Walter

Counting: Kaylam, Rick

Tables: Kendall, John

South African Choir:

On the 11/8/08 we went to Yeato see a South African choir. They did lots of dancing and singing in African. The men's costumes were great and the ladies were fancy. A choir of students sang in African with an African drum -mer doing the gumboot dance. The singers were having lots of fun and all had great big smiles on their faces. We all enjoyed the South African choir and their music and dancing. We had great fun listening to such good music. By Laura, John and Kendall

Work experience:

We are fortunate to have James Rumble joining us each Wednesday for the remainder of the term. James is a previous HPS student and currently in year 10 at Yea High. James is assisting in the classroom as well as organising activities during recess times

Redbacks are not aggressive, but the bite is very poisonous and potentially fatal for children or the elderly. If bitten, apply a nice pack but not a pressure bandage. Anti-venom is available and is very effective

WELCOME TO ISSUE 25

Can anyone help Gavin Wruck? "Hi Miranda, do you know if anyone got any photos of the snow at Highlands? I just missed it! Left Friday night." gavin@totalenergy.com.au

What a relief for those "Grand Designs" addicts to find it hasn't gone, just changed spots to Tuesday 8.30pm. I have heard on the grapevine that Scott McKay is planning his own version of the show for the Highlands Christmas Community Night. I wonder who the unlucky house could be? There will be no Granite News next week

Congratulations Leanne

LEANNE PLEASH, Highlands, our local representative on the Murrumbidgee Shire Council, will take up a voluntary appointment as chair of the Communications Committee of the Murrumbidgee Regional Tourism Assoc. in Oct. Leanne has been a councillor for nearly 3 years, is a business analyst, has completed a Journalism course at Monash Uni and works part-time in the hospitality industry. MRTA is working actively to promote Murrumbidgee outside the region, and her appointment is welcomed by many.

Teacher Trainer of the Year Award

Terip Terip teacher, ROBYN RICHARDS (mother of Kendall - a pupil at Highlands Primary School), has made it to the final of the prestigious Vic Teacher Trainer of the Year Award. Robyn is regarded as a leader and mentor among staff and students at Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE. The winners of these awards will be announced in Melbourne on Thursday 21st August. Congratulations to Robyn from our community.

La Trobe Students explore our bogs

La Trobe students from the Albury - Wodonga campus are doing surveys on anything from insect to vegetation on 3 local bogs - swamps (Steve McAlpin, Glentannaranda heavily grazed area at Kobyboyn) on 21st & 22nd August. Dr Susan Lawler is their leader. The students will give a presentation on their findings at Highlands Landcare meeting on the 24th Oct.

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

Weekbeg18th	TeripTeripmowingroster JimandJillDavidsonJohnandLuCraven Carparkandall4courts
19-26thAugust	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterIanHalpinDarrenBrockWesJefferyAnthonyWallis
Friday22nd August	TheGoulburnBrokenCatchmentManagementAuthorityinvitesyoutothe“Completionofboundaryfencing ontheBrokenBooseyStatePark”andthe“WeedssoftheGoulburnBroken”bookletlaunchoftheheldat 12:30pmatNineMileHouseTeaRooms70CarlisleSt,WunghnuRSVPtoStaceyBrauman58212651or 0400644637orE:impressp@gbcma.vic.gov.au
23rdAugust 2008	Highlands/CaveatJuniorFireBrigadeThenextrainingssessionwillbeheldat10amatthefireshed. If thereisanyyoungkidsintheareawishingtojoinorareinterestedinjoiningthejuniorfirebrigadeplease contactSharynPH57904297,PeterPH57969301orAlistairPH57969276ASAP. Alljuniormemberswe areorderingyourBrigadeuniformssopleasecontactSharynShaw57904297withyourclothingsizes.
Saturday23rd	TheWhiteHartHotel,Longwood.Liveband,startingat7.30pm.... -PaulWookeywithDamienO'Neil
Sunday24th	HighlandsRamblerwillwalkintheCaveatarea,ledbyAndrewShaw5790429710.30HighlandsHall
TuesdayAugust26th	TherewillbeaPrepinformationssessionatHPSat5pm. Parentssof2009Prepstudentsareallinvited.
Tuesday26th August	Women'sFarmingdiscussiongroup.EuroaCommunityEducationCentre,BinneyStreet10am -2pmRSVP CherylGrahamPH57273931,0408393105,cherylgraham@farminganswers.com
Saturday30th August	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -GeneralStore -jazz,bluesswing &samba 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.)orinformation.
Tuesday2nd September	Comewalkwithus -avoyageofdiscoveryofMerriCreek JointheWeedSocietyofVictoriaforaWeedBusterWeekactivityandexploreMelbourne'sMerriCreek. 10amMeetthemembersoftheMerriCreekManagementCommittee,MelbourneWater,HumeCityCouncil andDarebinCityCouncilwholookafterthislinearreserveandmanageitsweedproblems.MeetatMerri CreekManagementCommittee'sOfficeat2LeeStBrunswickEast.
Friday5thSep	HighlandsPrimarySchoolTalentNightHighlandsHall7.30pmMoreinformationcoming.
Saturday6th September	GlidersontheGoulburn7:00pmLocation/Meetingpoint: LionsPark/NewCrossingPlacePark,Seymour - taketheturninatheRoyalHotel,EmilyStreet) Meetattheboatramp. RSVP/Formoreinformation,pleasecontact:PeterMitchell,DPIBroadfordon57840622or0409432498
Friday12th September	'DrinksontheDeck'atHighlandsCommunityHallat6.30pm. Bringfoodtoshareforamealtogetherand catchupwithfriendsoldandnew.
13thSeptember	WhiteheadsCreekLandcareAGM. Guestspeaker StevenRawlins whohasheldveryhighpositionsinthe DeptofAgricultureintheUS.Hewilltalkaboutthefutureoffoodproductioninatimeofheightenedcarbon dioxide..Sopleasecomealong,hearaveryinterestingsspeaker,andcatchupwithyourfriends.
Saturday20 September	CapturethebeautyoftheBendigoBush!NaturePhotographyWorkshopwithDavidKleinertTime:9.00am - 11.30am,or2.00pm -4.30pmLocation:OneTreeHillRegionalParkMeetatthelookoutcarparkDavid Kleinertisacelebratedlocalphotographerwhohasbeenpassionatelycapturingthebeautyandcomplexity offloraandfaunaintheBendigoregion.Davidwillbesharinghisknowledgeandexperienceinwildlifephotography -offeringguidanceonequipmentselection;composition;post -productionandwebpublishing... plasmuchmore!BYOcameragear;appropriateclothingandfootwear.Limitedto10participantspersessionCall54304620tomakereservations
SundaySept 28th	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSwillwalkfromnearMtBroughtontotheSwitzerlandRoad,wherewewillhave carstobringusbacktoHighlands.MeetattheHighlandsHallat10.30am.Leaders -PegLade(57969222) andAndrewShaw(57904297)
Sunday28 September	BushWalkaboutatDeadDogGullyTime:10.40am -2.00pmLocation:DeadDogGullyAutumnGully Road•Funforthewholefamily•Guidedwalkandactivities•Barbecuelunch•DiscoverthefascinatingstoriesoftheJaaraJaarapeople,Bendigo'sGoldhistoryaswellastheamazingplantsandanimalslivinginthe bushBookingssessentialasplacesarelimitedCall54304620tomakereservations

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

TREELUCERNE -(Cystisuspalmensis)isatallgrowingwoodyshrubby smalltreewithgrey-greenleavesand aspreedingcanopy.It haswhite, honey-scentedpeaflowersinlate wintertoearlyspring.Thesmalldark seedsareproducedinprolific amountsinseedpods.TreeLucerne isabletodominatenativevegetation, andhasbecomeaweedofroadside vergesandbushland,fore.g.inRuffy andCreighton'sCreek.It hasbeen valuedasadroughtresistantfodder plant,foritshighlevelsofessential nitrogen,andforfixingnitrogenin degradedsoils,anddoesnotappear tobeaprobleminplantationswhich are surroundedbygrazedland.However,careshouldbeexercisedif consideringplantinganywhere.Becauseitisnotanative,it isquitelawfultoharvestitfromroadsidesand feedittoyourstock!



CRANBOURNE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS BUS TRIP

SUNDAY12THOCTOBER200820 PLACESAVAILABLE,DON'TMISS OUT.ThenewdateistoavoidclashingwiththeSeymourShow.Thereare 8placesleftonthebus.

RingMirandaPH57969261oremail miranda@activ8.net.autosecureyour place.Therewillbeaguidedtour, startingat11amatthegardensso we'llbeleavingfromtheHighlands Hallat9am. Thisisthebesttimeoftheyear to visitthesefabulousgardens.

Forthcoming Environmental Days for Aug/Sep 2008

2008istheInternationalYearof PlanetEarthwww.ga.gov.au/about/ event/IYPEhome.jsp,theInternationalYearoftheReef www.icriforum.org& www.iyor.org andtheInternational YearofSanitationhttp://esa.un.org/ iys/

KeepAustraliaBeautifulWeek -26-31 Aug.Visitwww.kab.org.au/ BiodiversityMonth -September.Visit www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/ month.html WattleDay -1Sep.Visit www.wattleday.asn.au/ LandcareWeek'OurLandcareHeroes' -1-7Sep.Visit www.landcareonline.com NationalThreatenedSpeciesDay -7 Sep.Visitwww.environment.gov.au/ biodiversity/threatened/ts-day/ index.html SustainableHouseDay -13-14Sep. Visitwww.solarhouseday.com/ index01.shtml NationalBilbyDay -14Sep.Visit http://members.optusnet.com.au/ bilbies/ WorldWaterMonitoringDay -18Sep. Visit www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/

A Message from Wales Rural Traders

PatersonsCurseandCapeweeds seedlingsupto20cmdiametercanbe controlledwithanIGRAN(Terbutryn) andAGRITONE(MCPA)mix.This comesinthepre-mixedformasAG-TRYNEMA.

Wearefastapproachingthepoint whenitwillbetoolatetospraythese products thisseason.TheIGRAN500 labelwarns"DONOTapplyonpasturesprioritoMayoraftermid-August orwhentemperaturesaregreaterthan 18Cforthedaypriorito,thedayof andfor4daysfollowingapplicationas pasturedamagewilloccur."

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A Message from the Strathbogie Shire

BunglebooriCampsiteonHughes CreekWicketHillRoadTarcombe

Noticeisgiven thatcampingatthe BunglebooricampsiteonWicketHill RoadinTarcombeisnowprohibited.

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Highlands Caveat RFB Training News

Thereare2trainingcoursescurrently available.AWildfireFirefighters CoursestartsThursday18thSeptember.Itwillrunover4eveningsessions andinclude:Safetyonthefireground, Wildfirebehaviourandhowtooperate theequipment.Successfulcompletion ofthiscourseistheminimumprerequisiteforanypersonattendingafire asafirefighter.

Ifyouarecurrentlyamemberof HCRFBandarelikelytobeattending afireasaGroundObserver,QuickFill OperatororSnackAttack(catering) crewthenthe"MaintainingSafetyat anIncidentScene"onWednesday 22ndOctobermaybemorewhatyou need.This isformemberswhodonot holdtheirWildfireFirefighters (minimumskills)qualificationonly. RingPeterRoberts57969301byFriday22ndAugustifyouareinterested.

Environmental Management Incentives

IncentivesmaybeavailableforlandholdersintheGoulburnBrokenCatchmentwhowishtconductworkson theirpropertythatcontribute toprotectingorenhancingthenaturalenvironment.

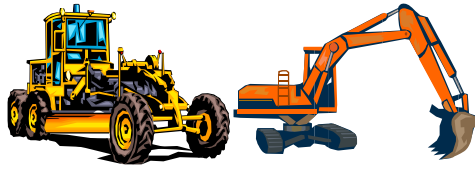
Fundingisavailablefor; Fencingremnantvegetationincluding nativegrasslands, Enhancingremnantvegetationwith understoreyplanting, Establishingnewareasofnativevegetation, Wetlandandbogprotection, Stabilisingsoilerosion,and Waterways.

Expressions of Interest for proposed workswillneedtobesubmittedtoKim WilsonatBroadfordDPI.Applications close30thSeptember2008forall 2009projects.Allprojectswillbefollowedupwithavisittoconfirmfencing lengths,siteareasand/ornumbersof plants.Applicationswillthenbe assessedagainstCatchmentpriorities andavailablebudgetswithlandholdersnotifiedby15thNovember. KimWilsonon57840623or kim.wilson@dpi.vic.gov.au.

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