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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

JEANNIE (Waddell) – (Gibb) – now WEBB, has lived nearly all her life at Caveat. She is the only child of Joyce and the late Ewen Waddell.

Joyce, at 97, lives in Yea Rosebank Hostel, and was a Minchinton, one of 6 pioneering families of selectors in the district in the 1880s.

John Minchinton left England in 1853, and settled with his family on the Victorian Goldfields. When part of the original Dropmore run was opened for selection, John Minchinton's son, Edmund, took up a number of blocks with an area of about 2000 acres. Edmund's daughter, Joyce, lived at "the Caveat" (so-named because of an original boundary dispute) until a few years ago.

She married Ewen Waddell and they decided that the Caveat was a more suitable place to live than Ewen's isolated block. Ewen was founder of the Caveat Fire Brigade (now amalgamated with Highlands) and Jeannie followed the tradition by becoming Secretary for 7 years.

Jeannie, being an only child, pressured her parents to go to school when she was 4 by disappearing up the hill and hiding under the school verandah.

The Caveat school closed, and Jeannie attended Highlands Primary School and Yea High School before working in pharmacies in Melbourne for 3 years. She married and had 3 girls, Carmen, Jodie and Joanne, 2 are twins – in fact, 4 sets of twins were born in the district within 6 months of each other!

After Ewen's death, Jeannie came back to Caveat and ran the farm for 4 years, also raising her family and training as a nurse. She has worked at the Yea hospital for 11 years, and is married to Ken Webb, a builder and carpenter. He had a serious accident 2 years ago, so they now lease the farm to a Melbourne doctor.

They continue to live in the original homestead (renovated by Ken) in beautiful surroundings which Jeannie says she could never leave.

Jeannie is trained in Palliative Care and Bereavement Support, does some Voluntary Work, and loves visits from 3 grandchildren and their parents.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Each Wednesday afternoon students work in multi-age groups and rotate through a number of fun activities. James Rumble works with a group to use the video camera and Movie Maker on the computer and Maree Gilbert is working with a group in the garden. Other activities include Mathematics, Health and Fitness cards and construction. If anyone has a special talent to share and is interested in coming up on a Wednesday afternoon to work with a group of 4 students please let us know. We are so grateful to have so many community members willing to volunteer their time.

Special Thanks: Many thanks to Judy Cameron who comes each Monday to listen to students read. Judy is also working with Year 6s to produce the Year Book. A big thankyou also to Mavis Cook who comes in on Wednesday to listen to students read. The students love these visitors.

## RUFFY ART SHOW AND SALE

Ruffy Hall, 7, 8, & 9 November 2008  
'meet the artists' preview & fundraiser  
7 pm Friday tickets: \$12  
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or email: parrindi@mcmedia.com.au  
entries close: Friday, 24 October 2008

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 30

All articles to [miranda@activ8.net.au](mailto:miranda@activ8.net.au)

### Thursday 16th October is when the fire restrictions come into force.

Moireen Chisholm, who died recently after 12 years in the Yea Nursing Home, lived in Highlands with her late husband, Don, for over 30 years. Their son, Graeme, runs a successful garage business in Yea - Chisholm and Shaw. Our condolences to the family

### 'Drinks on the Deck'

19 people celebrated the completion of the 'Highlands Creative Community' project with 'Drinks on the Deck' last Friday night, then enjoyed a meal together. Then followed the testing of our new sound system & the screening of two films. One was a 'Felix the Cat' cartoon 1923! A few people stayed on to see the science fiction film 'The Island'. We hope there will be many such film evenings in the future. The next 'Drinks on the Deck' will be on 14th November at 6.30pm.

### Junior CFA Fundraising

They are organizing afternoon tea for the BSA Motorcycle club next Saturday 18/10/08 at the hall at 2.30pm. Any help, cakes, sandwiches etc or serving coffee, would be great. Ring Peter Roberts or Sharyn Shaw or just come along and look at a great collection of vintage motor bikes and their very proud owners.

Below a few "Happy Habitats" planters along Old Highlands Rd, creating wild-life corridors for all those wonderful native animals is progressing nicely and LOTS of plants are now in the ground. Cheers, Pauline Roberts



## Community What's On Calendar—October/November/December

Week beg 13th October	Terip Terip mowing roster Alan and Betty Renfree Ian and Cynthia Crawford Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
12th-18th October	Whiteheads Creek/ Tarcombe RFB Truck Roster Peter Wales Ralph Provan Ashley Waite Geoff Bond
Thursday 16th October	Pre Season CFA meeting for Highlands-Caveat RFB 7.30pm, Highlands Hall All members should have received a mail out which includes agenda and proposed pre season training dates. If you haven't received one please contact Peter Roberts PH 57969301 or James Holyman. A copy has also been put on the notice-board outside the hall.
Saturday 18th October	9.30am - 12 30pm Working Bee at Highlands Community Hall. It's time to 'rosella proof' the eaves of the hall, get on with some mowing & weeding, & varnish the new boxes for the stage. That means there are both inside & outside jobs to be done. Come along & help to improve our hall while catching up with friends, old & new. The working bee will be followed by a BBQ lunch.
Sunday 19th October.	The White Hart Hotel, Longwood is hosting a lunch to celebrate the winning red and white wines from the 2008 Strathbogie Ranges Wine Awards. This will be our last themed lunch for 2008 and seating is limited to ensure everyone gets to join the discussion with the winemakers. 12pm, \$40.00 per person, PH 57985203
Friday 24th October	Highlands Landcare Group invites you all to join us at 6.00pm at the Highlands hall on 24th Oct. The La Trobe Environmental Science students will present the results of their latest bog survey. Bring along a yabbie and join in the fun. There will be a yabbie race and other "yabbie" competitions, with prizes. BBQ food will be provided, gold coin donation for non-members (BYO drinks). RSVP by 20th Oct. will be appreciated for catering purposes to miranda@activ8.net.au or kobyboyn@activ8.net.au.
Saturday 25th October	Yea Community Health is supporting the open day at Yea Tennis Club as part of the Go For Your Life program. We wish to encourage as many adults & children in Yea and surrounding districts to come and have a hit of tennis and perhaps get involved in what the club has to offer. 1pm  YEA TENNIS CLUB We would love to see anyone who has ever thought about playing tennis! Special events will include: Radar Gun (how fast is your serve?) Plenty of giveaways Free sausages and bread provided, BYO DRINKS
26th October	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS next walk will be to a beautiful small waterfall west of the Mt Concord ridge. Meet at the Highlands Hall 10.30 am, or Caveat Church 10.45, or Hewlett's junction at 11am. Enquiries to Peg Lade 57 969222.
Thursday 30th October	Secret Men's Business BBQ at The Grotto, Caveat Church from 5.30pm, held every last Thursday of the month. All welcome. Working bee at Church 2pm fencing, painting, picture framing, a job for everyone
Saturday 1st November	7.30pm - Salty Dog (back by popular demand, 2002 Aussie Blues Band of the Year) Don't forget, the taxi service from Euroa / Nagambie / Avenel / Seymour, offering return journeys from just \$7.50 per person Taxis will operate for all live music performances. Bookings via the White Hart are essential.
Tuesday 4th November	Cup Day Chicken and Champagne Lunch at Terip Terip Recreation Reserve at 12.30pm \$15 a head Please bring salad or dessert (and own glass and drinks) Prizes for best hat Raffles, cup sweep And the "Inaugural Terip Cup"!! RSVP Tuesday 28th October Frances Lawrence - 0432 32 4929 Lu Craven - 57 904 011. lu@terip.com
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Saturday 15 November	Mitchell at the Crossroads, A forum on re-building nature for our farms, our district and our future Guest speaker: Dr Andrew Bennett, Deakin University Tallarook Hall 9:30 for 10:00am start Contact DPI Broadford, 5784 0600 or broadford.fielddays@dpi.vic.gov.au .Mitchell Shire is at a crossroads geographically and historically: Farmers are retiring, farming land is being subdivided, and many families are moving into the Shire from the city. Natural vegetation has been lost through past land clearing, habitat continues to be degraded, and species are disappearing from our landscape. Come and hear what can be done.
Saturday 22nd November	RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays presents - Bric a Brac - dance, nostalgia & romance 8.00 pm, Ruffy Hall. Contact Glen on 5790 4318 for tickets (\$26 ea.) or information.
Friday 28th November	HPS invites the community to join in a cricket match at school starting at 2pm. Please let Meagan know if you can come so we can draw up teams beforehand PH 57969208

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

The OWLET NIGHTJAR is like a miniature owl, which roosts by day in a tree hollow, or peers curiously from the entrance. It is widespread in Australia, but seldom seen, as it usually only emerges at night. To my knowledge, a sighting of this bird on the road near Dropmore one night in September is the first record for Highlands.



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## 18 HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

had a perfect spring day on 28th September to walk along the top of the Switzerland Flora Reserve, then a climb to the top of Mt Broughton with spectacular views. The old bulldozed track to the Goulburn flats was VERY steep and most people were glad to find 2 cars to transport the drivers back to Highlands. Another good day.

### Reward

For a small silver Canon digital camera left at the Ruffy Reserve on the 4th October. Camera contains some priceless memories we cannot replace. Please contact Joe on 03 93808774 j.n.esposito @ hotmail.com

## Wales Rural Traders Appointment

WRT is pleased to announce the appointment of Glenn Barry to the team. Glenn is well known to many in the district having worked with the Seymour Racing Club and the North East Thoroughbred Breeders.

Glenn brings exceptional animal production experience across the Sheep, Beef and Equine segments. He is available for animal health advice and on farm visits.

## CHANGES TO RIPPING SUBSIDIES FROM THE HCCC

Due to increased demands and reduced government funds the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative has temporarily suspended any further subsidies for ripping until additional funding is received.

If you have already had work done that was approved you need to send you claim to :

HCCC  
2848 Highlands Road  
Highlands 3660

by the 1st December. **No payments will be made for past work after this date.**

If you have ripping work to be done contact Miranda Yorston and she will arrange a time to visit you to inspect the property and work out the hours required. Your request will be put on a list, in order of the time of the request and you will be contacted when more funding is available.

## \$5,000 grants available for innovative sustainable farming ideas

Landcare Australia wants to hear from farmers or land managers who have innovative ideas to encourage and develop sustainable farming practices. "These grants are aimed at supporting farmers trial or implement good ideas to improve the sustainability of farming practices. "New ideas and ways of farming are needed to adapt to our increasingly variable seasons and the best ideas come from the farmers who have to tackle tough conditions on a daily basis. The grants will give farmers the backing they need to help put new ideas into action."

The grants are funded by part of the money donated through the Woolworths Drought Action Day in 2008 which raised over \$5 million for Australian farmers. Most of the funding was distributed by the CWA to severely stressed families coping with drought. The remainder is funding sustainable agriculture projects through Landcare Australia. The grants are available for farmers in areas that were still declared eligible for "Exceptional Circumstances" assistance in January, 2008. [www.landcareonline.com](http://www.landcareonline.com) or contact the Project Officer - Shivani Jayasinghe on 02 9412 1040 or email [shivani.jayasinghe@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:shivani.jayasinghe@landcareaustralia.com.au).

## When is a permit required?

Application of exemptions for native vegetation removal has been a bit confusing in the past. The Victorian Government has recently released a new Advisory Note [http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/CA256F310024B628/0/44EC553132DFAA36CA2574C500\\_0BA32B/\\$File/New+exemptions+for+nat+veg+removal.pdf](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/CA256F310024B628/0/44EC553132DFAA36CA2574C500_0BA32B/$File/New+exemptions+for+nat+veg+removal.pdf)

seeking to clarify and simplify the allowable exemptions. Some changes of note are:

- \* Permit now required for clearing large (>40cm dbh) dead trees
- \* Clearing of native vegetation established or managed with the assistance of government funding is not exempt, regardless of age, unless the funding agreement specifically allows for harvest
- \* Clearing of roadside vegetation is exempt for the purposes of safety or function, in accordance with a Code of Practice / written agreement of DSE Secretary (also applies to maintenance of utilities)
- \* Clearing of vegetation allowed (to a max 1ha or 15 trees <40cm dbh over 5 years) for warren destruction
- \* Clearing for fence maintenance, or construction of boundary fence (not internal fencing) providing total width is <4m
- \* A permit is required where stock are to be enclosed on a roadside by a temporary fence if native vegetation is present (note, in some Shires, this action requires a permit regardless)

## The Services & Information for New Landholders (SINL) Program

SINL provides practical information and advice to new landholders on a variety of topics concerning small property management. Your contacts are Greg Bekker & Janice Mentiplay-Smith from the Department of Primary Industries, Benalla. Greg: 57611631 /

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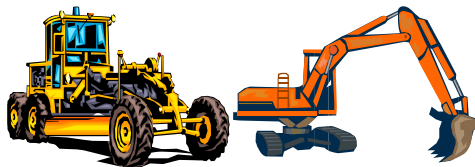
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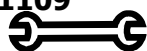
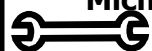


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