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PEOPLE AND PLACES

How lucky the Highlands-Caveat RFB is to have JAMES HOLYMAN volunteering to take on the job of Secretary! And how lucky are the Holymans to find their place in Highlands and to be so welcomed by our community. James, Marilyn, Danae and Kasey bought "Fassifern" three years ago but only moved permanently to Highlands 12 months ago when both their daughters finished their VCE. Before moving to Highlands, James and his family lived in the outer East of Melbourne. A home in the country was always part of their long-term plan with their sights set on the Yea area. After looking at many properties around Yea, Flowerdale and Highlands for more than ten years, the 'right' place was found on a notice board in their local fruit and vegetable shop in McAdam Square, North Croydon. A phone call and a u-turn (they had just returned from an inspection in Highlands) and "Fassifern" was theirs.

James is a 5th generation Tasmanian who grew up in Launceston in a family with a long history in the transport industry. In 1987, James came to Melbourne to undertake tertiary studies. James first obtained a basic degree in Architecture, followed by a Bachelor of Business (with major in Accounting). Next was an MBA (Master of Business Administration), then a Graduate Diploma in Risk Management and a Company Director's Diploma. Most impressive! After working for Ansett and then Stephanie Alexander (what a wonderful food and life experience!), James joined CFA in 1995. James' current position is Executive Manager Regional Services and this role provides a link between the field and HQ. James works within the Strategic Planning Directorate and directly with the 9 General Managers. He finds the most satisfying part of the job is meeting and working with volunteers. James grew up in Launceston with 3 brothers. From the age of 9 James' passion has been basketball, but injuries such as 2 knee reconstructions and an ankle operation required a change of direction (if he still wanted to live with his wife!). In 2000, he discovered wheelchair basketball, about which he is passionate. He plays, referees, and coaches, and his daughters are also very active participants – it is a great community of families. This is a family who are fast becoming a POSITIVE part of our community.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 1

Please send all articles to my new email address-
miranda@omnipotent.com.au

I hope everyone has had a restful time and is surviving in the heat. Thanks to Philip Cooper who sent in a new photo for TGN. Keep them coming.

A reminder that if you wish to advertise on the back of TGN it is first in gets the spot. ANOTHER REMINDER - THE TRANSFER STATION IS CLOSED ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN and yes I was one of the ones who forgot this fact.

RAINFALL for JANUARY At "Glentannar", Highlands, 25 mms fell in about 1/2 hour in the storm on 22nd January. Terip's official gauge at Corrie Witlox's recorded 8 mms, but other parts of Terip had up to 24 mms, all with damaging winds. (We won't mention the temperatures since then!)

WANTED

Peg Lade is keen to find someone to assist her with interviews for People and Places in the Ruffy area, especially past the store. If you can help please contact her on 57969222.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

School's back and thank goodness the weather is milder. Highlands Primary School is very excited to welcome our 5 new 2009 Preps and here they are! Left to Right- Jessica Bennett, Tobias Philpot, Alex Horne, Stohm Gabrielle, Daniel Deglaitis



The following are some books recommended by CAE groups that I thought you may be interested in.

The Patron Saint of Eels by Gregory Day Our group loved the descriptions, especially of the bush. Superb adjectives! All thought it was beautifully written, although an unusual story. It was simple but good; Gregory Day has an amazing imagination.

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan A small beautiful read. Although the story is one of a moment in time, England 1962, it is also about the life, internal and external pressures of that period. A good discussion. Some reminisced as we pondered on themes such as lack of communication, enduring love, missed opportunities and storms within.

I have received some funny emails over the holidays but this one from Scott McKay cancelling the cricket match, yet again, was one of the best, although as a Hereford girl I was distressed by the Angus humour.

"Due to a mechanical failure we are unable to close the roof over the MCG tomorrow. Although the R T Edgar sponsored Highlands had at least 25 players chaffing at the bit, the Tarcombe mafia was as soft as Hereford cows and weren't prepared to play in direct sunlight. (must be worried about eye trouble) So unfortunately the game is off again. Don't forget we have Ruffy v Highlands at Hume and Hovell on Feb 21st. If you have any queries or complaints ring Rob Hayes!!!

Community What's On Calendar—February 2009

Weeks beg 2nd-16th Feb	Terip Terip mowing roster Alan and Betty Renfree Ian and Cynthia Crawford Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
Week Com- mencing 1st February	Ruffy CFA Roster Travis Tilton Team : (mobile 0429 886380) John O Connor, Craig Martin, Jake Hill, Don Cook, Mathew Eddy, Ryan Furlanetto, Chris Hewlett, Doug McLean, (E: Kate Furanetto & Sally Kubeil)
7th and 8th February 2009	ARTfelt JACKET 2 day WORKSHOP with Leah Jones, Felt and Stitch Artist Stretching the boundaries of wearable art and fashion Make a wearable art jacket with felt and silk in this two day workshop. Students will be asked to stretch the boundaries of their thinking and creating as they felt, embellish, design, cut and sew a wearable art piece that can be worn to even the best events. All you will need is a basic knowledge of felting and the ability to let yourself go completely and enjoy the creative experience. COST \$170.00 10am - 4pm The Naturally Made Store, 39 Binney Street, Euroa. If you have any queries about the workshop please address them to Leah on 5795 1040 or email hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au.
Saturday 7th Feb	BLACK MARKET [low kilometre food exchange] 10:00-11:00 Market at Rocky Passes [1590 Highlands Rd] THEN car pool to Mauro and Debbie del Frate's for a pizza oven cooking demonstration (and pizza!)11:15-12:00. Call 57969366 if you have any questions.
SUNDAY, 8TH FEBRU- ARY	WORKING BEE!! TERIP TERIP FIRE SHED-TO CONNECT THE WATER FROM THE NEW TANK AT THE FIRE SHED TO THE HALL AT 10 AM FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE ALL WELCOME COME ALONG AND HAVE A FUN MORNING!!
Thursday 12th February	First meeting of The Mad Hatters for 2009. Pauline Robert's place, all welcome . Come and read a new play and watch the video of the last great performance. PH 57969301
Friday 13th February	'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall at 6.30pm. Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new.
Saturday 14th February.	White Hart Hotel, Longwood, 7.30pm - White Goat - country and blues For those wanting to arrange a special Valentines Day for your loved one, we'll be hosting a dinner package - Any bottle of wine on our list to value of \$35.00 - Three course meal for two people (tapas to share, any two mains and desserts) , Live music from White Goat playing country and blues. - Priced at \$100.00 per couple - Further details and bookings, please call White Hart on 03-5798-5203
Saturday, Feb- ruary 14, 2009	FREE CONCERT Choir of Hard Knocks - Valentine's Day Recreation Reserve, Tulip St, Violet Town Join us 5.30pm-8.30pm Refreshments are available at the venue and in town Picnic hampers are welcome, bring a rug or chair THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT
19th February	WHC Landcare Meeting. Committee members there is a meeting on the at the WHC hall at 7.30pm. All new and old comers are most welcome.
19th February	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) First meeting for 2009 8pm Terip Terip Recreation Centre, at the tennis courts. All welcome. Come and hear what's happening in your district to combat weeds and rabbits, what help is available to plant trees and protect remnant vegetation, what important issues need to be faced in 2009. Don't just sit there thinking about it, come and join in and put in a helping hand or just listen and become better informed. You might enjoy it!
21st February 2009	WHC Landcare invites you to a seed planting morning at the WHC hall with Janet Hagen. It is at 10.00am . All welcome and if you have some natives that you would like to plant them bring them with you. Janet will take the tubes away and they will be cared for until required for planting.
Feb 21st	Cricket match Ruffy v Highlands at Hume and Hovell Ring Scott McKay for more details PH 57969259
SATURDAY 21ST FEBRU- ARY 2009	TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY BBQ and FUND RAISING AUCTION (large number of items to be auctioned – donated by regional businesses) AT THE REC RESERVE 6.30PM for 7PM AUCTION TO COMMENCE AT 8PM Bring a small salad to share (and your cheque book!)RSVP 13th February Lu Craven 5790 4011 Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262
28th Feb -1st March 2009	HiArts Art Exhibition and Family Festival Artists interested in exhibiting should check the website www.hiarts.org for details. This year entries can be fully processed on line.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

RICHARD'S PIPIT is a pale brown "ground lark" which wags its longish white-edged tail up and down, and runs rapidly along open or shrubby ground before taking to the air. It is found all over Australia, and builds a cup nest of grass in the shelter of tussocks and rocks. It has an elaborate courting ritual in the air, accompanied by a sweet trilling song. It should not be confused with the similar Singing Bushlark and Common Skylark, both of which are found in this area.



Professional Rabbit Fumigator looking for work

Having trouble controlling your rabbits? Are your rabbits living in spots that can't be ripped or poisoned? Robert Kipping of Locksley has been fumigating rabbit warrens with phostoxin tablets for many years. This is hard work that requires only a pick & shovel, fumigant and physical fitness. Rates \$15 - \$17.50 per hour (Negotiable rates for larger properties) No dogs are used. Spotlight checks are done before fumigation. Shooting is used as a follow up to fumigation. Police check available. Ph 57 985 528 Robert also works as a professional shepherd, guarding flocks by night if you ever need that type of thing.

Mitchell Shire New Drought Recovery Officer.

What is my role? To assist Residents of Mitchell to negotiate the maze of drought assistance.

www.dpi.vic.gov.au
www.daff.gov.au

There a range of Federal Government assistance available to assist drought affected Farmers and businesses in Exceptional Circumstances declared Shires. They include interest rate subsidies and income support.

I have recently moved to Mitchell and live in Nulla Vale. I can be contacted on 5735 4635 m 0458 937 342 or mwilson@familycare.net.au

Worms not stopping for Holidays! A Message from Wales Rural traders

With a wetter than usual November/December period, all of our valued clients are encouraged to remain vigilant with their parasite control. A combination of higher worm egg counts, and a warm/wet summer period could lead to disastrously high worm burdens during the Autumn/Winter period. We are already getting feedback about egg counts creeping into the 200 & 300 range, which will be impacting on production, but much more importantly, laying down significant burdens on the pastures which are being assisted by the higher than usual moisture levels. Our recommendation to sheep producer's, is that you conduct Faecal Egg Counts (FEC's) from NOW, and consistently test every 2-3 weeks in an attempt to detect early rises in Egg count so that you can contain pasture contamination, and minimize production losses.

We have worm test kits (from Parasite Diagnostics) available at the store. These are invoiced at the store and we will assist you in the interpretation of the results and/or fine tuning your summer drench program.

HiArts Exhibition for 2009

Artist Alert! HiArts Exhibition for 2009 is only 4 weeks away. Entry can be completed on line or contact Stuart on 5796 9358 & he will post forms out to you.

The HiArts Exhibition this year will be held on 28th Feb & 1st March. This is a great community event with activities for the whole family.

If you would like to help during the exhibition weekend by making cakes, preparing &/or serving food, helping to set up or any other jobs that need to be done for the weekend contact Stuart or Judy on 5796 9358.

Caveat Church Restoration Project

The church has been painted and we are waiting for guttering and window trims. Thanks go to the committee, with special mention of the following people for supplying specialist equipment-- Gerard & Anne Hill [Ruffy] John Goodwin [Ruffy] Michael Kopanica [Caveat] and Emil & Anne Kopanica [Benalla] for research and historical advice. All this helped the painters, Neil & Quentin, to do a professional job for future generations.

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PH 0433708077

Bites and Stings

Australia has many animals and insects that bite or sting. In general, first aid includes bandaging the wound and keeping the person immobile until medical help arrives. Keep the person calm. Don't tourniquet, cut or suck the wound. Don't give the affected person alcohol to drink.

Seek immediate medical help and call triple zero (000) for an ambulance in an emergency. If the person collapses or stops breathing, apply CPR until medical help arrives.

If you can – and it's safe to do so – capture the animal or insect for identification purposes.

Bees – remove the sting by sliding or scraping your fingernail across it, rather than pulling it. Wash the area and apply ice to reduce swelling. If the person has an allergy to beestings, immobilise them, apply pressure to the bite and seek immediate medical help.

Funnel web spider – seek immediate medical help. Bandage the wound firmly. Use a second bandage to wrap the arm or leg and splint the affected limb. Antivenom is required.

Red-back spider – wash the affected area well and soothe the pain with icepacks or iced water. Don't bandage the area.

Snakes – seek immediate medical help. . Don't wash the skin, as traces of venom might be needed to identify the snake. Bandage and splint the limb. If bitten on the torso, check the bandaging doesn't restrict breathing.

Tick – if a tick has burrowed into the skin, gently pull it out with fine tweezers, making sure you remove the entire body. After removal of the tick, wash the site with warm soapy water and then a mild antiseptic. Cover the site with a 'band-aid' for 24 hours. European wasps – clean the affected area with soap and warm water. Use an icepack to reduce swelling and pain. Use pain-relieving medication and creams. Watch for signs of allergic reaction.

For more information - Nurse-on-Call - 1300 606 024; Poisons Information Centre - 131 126

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