



THE GRANITE NEWS

2ND MARCH
VOLUME 3
ISSUE 05

WHITEHEADS CREEK • TERIP TERIP • CAVEAT • RUFFY • HIGHLANDS • HUGHES CREEK

WELCOME TO ISSUE 5

Please send all articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au

A GET BETTER SOON to Peg Lade who is a central and loved figure in the Highlands community. Peg is also my mainstay with The Granite News and I can't do the job without her.

Hopefully Peg will be back on deck very soon as I know we all love reading her People and Places and Bits of Botany and Birds each week.

A special thank you to Jeff Swain who marked blackberries and rose briars on the Highlands Road for spraying, it certainly sped up the process for us spraying. If you know of any roadside weeds that need spraying please ring me asap as John Hammond and I are keen to do the job properly.

HIARTS EXHIBITION AND FESTIVAL

The HiArts Exhibition and Festival again lived up to its reputation as a great place for meeting people and for the variety, quality and display of art. Though numbers were down on previous years and the wind tried desperately to cheat the enthusiasm, the weekend was a great success.

Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves trying on the dress ups, working with clay, playing games, and were walking art themselves with their fabulous painted faces.

Of course we cannot forget the variety of stories told, poetry read and the music that entertained most of the day. If that wasn't all, the food was terrific, the wine, coffee and tea kept us all in a great mood of community conviviality. Though it is too early to assess, funds were raised for the Fire Appeal, the CFA and the Hall. We already look forward to 2010.



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK

Laura Bennett For being such an outstanding role model and so helpful with the juniors. Thanks Laura.



Home Learning Award

Seniors: Imogen Geffert
Juniors: Rick Hodgetts

Reading Volunteers

Thankyou to our volunteers who come each week and listen to the students read. Mavis comes on a Wednesday, Judy on a Friday and Karli has just started coming in each Monday. It is lovely to such willing helpers in our community. If you have a special talent you'd like to share please let me know and we'll organise a time for you to come and be part of the learning community at HPS.

CFA visit

CFA members Sharyn, Alistair and Pete came and worked with students on Thursday. Students were lucky enough to see and discuss the uniform, use the fire hoses and look over the truck. The fire captains, Laura and Cuchulainn led the school on a tour around the school locating tanks, pumps and fire hoses. Inside the classroom students completed some colouring and puzzles and joined in with a valuable discussion about fire safety. A huge thankyou to Sharyn, Alistair and Pete for giving up their time to come and help us learn so much.

Congratulations to February's Aussie of the Month: Alex Horne

RUFFY STORE NEWS BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Friday March 13, 7.30 David Francey's Right of Passage Tour Bushfire Benefit Concert at Ruffy Store

In 2008 Francey's CD, Right of Passage, earned him his third JUNO (Canada's top music award). He traces his love of the land, the history, and the people of Canada to weekend family drives when Dad and sister Muriel sang melody, while mother and David sang harmonies. Songs like Hard Steel Mill, Gypsy Boys, Working Poor, Far End of Summer, Highway and many others are coloured by his experiences hitching his way across the country and working in rail yards, on farms, in the Yukon bush and in the Eastern townships.

Eric Bogle has said of his songs "they are lean whippet-like creations, a bit like the man himself. With not one word or superfluous line he takes the everyday business of living and elevates it into something infinitely more noble and memorable, the mark of a truly gifted song writer.' You can find out a lot more at www.davidfrancey.com, and touring with him is American ballad maker and multi-instrumentalist Craig Werth (www.craigwerth.com). Francey has written from Canada expressing his wish to contribute to the Appeal: Staff at the Store and other members of the community will also donate time and resources to the event, check page 2 of TGN for further details.

AND THERE'S MORE!

Since the marquee will already be set up on Saturday March 14, from 4 pm onwards, there will be a barbecue and an auction. Local musicians Marg and Gary Chowanetz and Groover and Green will treat us to some of the great songs of recent decades and their repertoire is guaranteed to make you remember songs you didn't know you'd forgotten.

Tim Mercer from Elders will put up for auction Strathbogie Ranges wines, rural supplies from WB Hunter, Band B stays, dinners at local restaurants, massage therapy, a houseboat holiday, excavator hours, a Slave for a Day, playground equipment, artworks, and anything else anyone can donate. If you have something to add contact Naomi on 0404801775 or Helen on 57904387. For more info see store@ruffy.com.au

Community What's On Calendar—March/April 2009

Weeks beg 2nd March	Terip Terip mowing roster Merv Penny Max & Joan Eddy Car park and all 4 courts
Week beg 1st March	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)
4th and 5th of March	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 Naturrally Made Store, 39 Binney Street, Euroa. 0409 951 040 (w), 5795 1040 (h) leah@wisewomanwearables.com.au www.wisewomanwearables.com.au
Thursday 5th March	First rescheduled meeting fo THE MAD HATTERS Pauline Robert's place at 7.30pm. All welcome who would like to be involved in any way, shape or form for the forthcoming production. Ring 57969301 for further information.
Saturday 7th March	Black Market - low kilometer food exchange - 10-11am market as usual then at 11ish, car pool up to Mauro and Debbie del Frate's for a pizza oven cooking demo. All welcome. Rocky Passes 1590 Highlands Rd 57969366
Monday 9th March 2009	Labour Day Bush Market in Goulburn Park, Seymour 9.00 am til 3.00 pm. along side the Great Duck Race 2.00pm by Eastern Hill Cricket Club Carnival activities for the Children Musical entertainment Food and drink stalls Books, clothes, plants, bric a brac, hardware and lots more Purchase lunch, grab a bargain, watch your duck win, and enjoy music in the Park, Gate entry \$2 Under 16 Free Site bookings: Betty: 5796-9295
13th March.	David Francey BUSHFIRE BENEFIT Since recording Torn Screen Door in 1999 Scottish-born Canadian David Francey is recognized as one of today's finest singer-songwriters. 2007 Canadian Folk Music Award - Best Singer/ Contemporary for "Right of Passage" along with first prize (Folk) in the 2007 USA Songwriting Competition with "Ballad of Bowser Macrae" Folk superstar Direct from Port Fairy Major concert - one night only at Ruffy Store Right of Passage Tour 7.30 pm Tickets \$40 BBQ dinner & show; \$20 performance only Bar Open - no BYO Book Now 5790 4387 ALL PROCEEDS TO THE MURRINDINDI BUSHFIRE APPEAL Bring plenty of cash for donations
Friday 13th March	Your Water Forum A Reality Check on WATER USE in the Strathbogie Ranges 9.00am, Shire of Strathbogie Theatre, Bury Street, Euroa, Professor Sam Lake speaking, Cathy Botta facilitating discussion to formulate our affirmed action plan Registration is vital by 10th March Contact T?F 57908563
Saturday 14th March	White hart Hotel, Longwood 7.30pm Salty Dog 2002 Australian blues band of the year .Call White Hart on 03-5798-5203 to book.
Sat 14th March	CFA & Community meeting , more info next week, debrief after the fires and spit roast tea provided.
19th March	WHC Landcare is organizing an information night and meeting at 7.30pm at the WHC hall. Kate Stothers from the DPI will be there to share with us her wonderful presentation on sustainable farming and biodiversity. Lesley and I heard her presentation at the biolinks forum last year and were both very impressed as I am sure you all will be. Please make an effort for this one as you will surely be rewarded and of course there will be a great supper after and a chance for a chat. See you all soon, Carol Braun.
Sunday 22nd March	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS - will meet at Highlands Hall at 10.30 am, or at the corner of Gum Road and Moore's Road, Caveat at 10.50am, for a wonderful walk from Gum Rd over a hill (not too steep) with a spectacular view to everywhere, then on to Woolshed Creek and to Dropmore. Contact Andrew Shaw 57904297 before coming to check the walk is going ahead, dependent on fires and weather.
Thursday 2nd April	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative monthly meeting 8pm Whiteheads Creek Hall. Please come along and see what this group does and have your say in the directions that you think are important for a sustainable future.
9th April to 17th May 2009.	An exhibition by J. Darren Gilbert. Monkey Tail Collection 3 New drawings, paintings and sculptures of Australian wildlife and anthropomorphic elements. www.monkeytaildesign.com Opening Night. 5.30 to 8.30 Thursday 9th April 2009. At Ruffy Produce Store. 26 Nolans Road. Ruffy. Victoria. 3666. T. (03) 5790 4387 E. store@ruffy.com.au W. www.ruffy.com.au Open Friday 11.30 to 6.00 Weekends and public holidays 8.30 to 6.00

Classifieds & Community Notices

OVARIAN CANCER

February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Can you name any symptom of ovarian cancer? If you can't, you're not alone. A National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre survey has shown that one in five Australian women can't name one symptom of ovarian cancer. The survey of over 2000 women revealed over 60 per cent of Australian women still believe an abnormal Pap test is a sign of ovarian cancer. A Pap test is designed to detect cancer of the cervix, not ovaries.

Each year in Australia about 1500 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and more than half of these women will not survive five years after their diagnosis. More than 70 per cent of women are diagnosed at an advanced stage, where the cancer has spread and is difficult to treat successfully. Detected in its earliest stages ovarian cancer is 90% curable. The risk of ovarian cancer increases with age.

Symptoms include persistent and unusual: abdominal bloating; indigestion or heartburn; loss of appetite or feeling full; changes in toilet habits; unexplained weight gain or loss; fatigue; and abdominal or back pain. There is no reliable early detection test or screening program for ovarian cancer and the cause is not known. Diagnosis involves a range of tests including blood tests and ultrasound. See your doctor promptly if you have had any of the above symptoms for more than two weeks and those symptoms are unusual for you.

www.ovariancancer.net.au

FOR SALE AS A RESULT OF THE BUSHFIRE

Strathewen Angus -- an Angus herd of 30 years standing and having Australia's highest 2007 calf drop on the CAAB, Grass Fed and Domestic profitability Indexes has been largely burnt out by the recent fires.

We now have 60 head of cattle penned up on about one acre and we are very keen to sell cattle other than our core breeding herd as quickly as possible at fire sale prices. We also have FREE SEMEN on offer to Angus breeders. For details of all animals and genetics contact Bruce Newport, 9714 8370 or 0419 316 278 or go to the Angus Australia website where there are bull/female, embryo and semen catalogues with full pedigree information.

TERIP AUCTION AND BBQ

Terip's notorious south wind returned for last Saturday night's barbecue and auction, but did not daunt the crowd of 90 plus. They were focussed on enjoying a fair amount of wine from Alec Rowan's Terip Vineyard and bidding vigorously for the fifty one items offered up for auction.

While the night was a successful fund-raiser it was also an interesting mix of guests from around the district. Terip's immediate community, a mix of full and part-time residents, was joined by many from well beyond our boundaries. The photographs make it absolutely clear that everyone had a good time.

Items and services for the auction were donated by so many businesses and individuals. The community's thanks are due to all of them for their generous and creative array of contributions.

Thanks also to Avenel Meats and Euroa Gazette for their contributions, to Bill and Sally Sykes for their support and of course, our auctioneer Doug Bottcher.

SUZUKI MUSIC - SEYMOUR

SUZUKI MUSIC PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR AREA :VIOLIN, PIANO, VIOLA, AND BABY MUSIC Instrumental lessons for ages 3 to Adult Suzuki Philosophy Every child can learn, Ability develops early, Environment nurtures growth, Children learn from one another, Success breeds success.

Enquiries- Katrina Breen B.A.(Music) Uni. of Melb. Accredited Suzuki Teacher 16+ years teaching experience Ph. 9830 5326 or 0414 779 604 happykat_au@yahoo.com.au

Why Music?

We believe that children benefit in many ways from music education. Our programs are designed to foster and nurture confidence, self-esteem, social skills, self respect, co-ordination (fine and gross motor), concentration, listening and observation skills, memory, self-discipline, a positive attitude to learning and challenge, perseverance at a task, sensitivity, and a lasting enjoyment of music. In the long term, the study of a musical instrument helps develop many crucial skills necessary for future academic success. Most importantly however, we believe children should have positive early musical experiences, encompassing fun and true achievement.

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Local ladies, Robyn Richards (Terip) & Alison McDiamond (Creightons Creek) headed to the Equestrian section of the Masters Games late last week.

Equipped with smiles and enthusiasm and ready to have a good time no matter what the outcome they arrived at the State Equestrian Centre on Thursday night.

During a hive of activity through Friday and Saturday and with some exciting moments the following successes were had:

Alison & Catch Twenty Two - Gold medal in their showjumping section
Robyn & Kendalee Ratini - Silver medal in their showjumping and Gold in their section of the combined Training.

Robyn & Kendalee Le Scrap - Silver Medal in their section of the combined training.

The ladies would like to thank the following for helping with their quest in the lead up and during the event: James Richards - coach and trainer Kendall Richards & Georgia McDiamond - Grooms and media Dale Sutherland and Ken Richards - support crew

Wizard - Security during the event.

Five young roosters for sale \$5 each
0357904303 or 0439001913

EPIPHANY 1986-87

The local community are invited to view Dennis Spiteri's exhibition EPIPHANY 1986-87 in his studio / gallery at 'Hillcrest' Old Highlands Rd. The exhibition will continue until 29th March and can be viewed by appointment during this time. Telephone:

FOR SALE

LANDROVER DISCOVERY

96, Reg: QCH413 till Sep 09

Leather seats, air con, p/steer, Cooper types, dual fuel, RWCert \$7,000

TOYOTA HILUX

Extra cab, 90, Reg ELJ724 till Dec 09

diesel, tray with lockable canopy, ARB bull and side bars, long range fuel tank, snorkel, OME suspension IPS driving lights, new clutch, RWCert \$8000

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
87 NISSAN PINTARA WAGON
PARTS ONLY

03 5790 4303 or 0427 904303

Rocky
Passes



Cellar door open Sundays 11am-4pm
or by appointment - 57969366
1590 Highlands Rd

Ruffy Produce Store

Breakfast & Lunch
Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays from
8am

Lunch Fridays from 11.30am

Need to book, call Helen or Doug

T: 5790 4387

E: info@ruffystore.com

F: 5790 4209

BUILDING
Matt and Braydon
Smith
57 969280 0428 417242
Small excavator
PLUMBING



Phone Ian on

: 0408990487

: 57904328

Registered Electrical Contractor:

License No. 16959

HUNTER RURAL
MERCHANDISE

For ALL your rural
merchandise needs
DELIVERY AVAILABLE

34 Railway St. Euroa
5795 2236

KOPANICA PASTORAL EXCAVATIONS

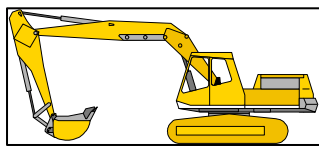


PH. 0357 904 235
MOB. 0429 804 235

RABBIT RIPPING, DAMS & GENERAL EARTHWORKS
MACHINERY HIRE:

TRUCK	LOW-LOADER	HEADER
TRACTOR	FRONT END LOADER	BALER
MOWER	CULTIVATION EQUIPMENT	SLASHER
POST RAMMER	SPRAYING EQUIPMENT	AUGER

A.J. & S.L. SHAW
EXCAVATIONS



GENERAL
EARTHWORKS
0427969297

KARLI CHASE
REIKI MASTER

306 Old Highlands Rd
Highlands Vic 3660
PH: 03 57969396



Steve Horne

Plumbing,
Building, Landscaping, Back hoe,
Ditchwitch & Sawmill

57969398

**RURAL
FENCING**

RICK MCALPIN

57969269

0427834546

TIM DEGLAITIS

Quality Painting and Decorating

New Homes, Extensions

Interior / Exterior

Ph: 5796 9306

Mob: 0428 628 640



PETER WALES

**FOR A TOP DEAL ON
ALL YOUR RURAL
SUPPLIES.**

17 Emily Street

Seymour

Phone: 57921088



Goulburn Ovens
Institute of TAFE

**KENDALEE FENCING
SERVICES**

All types of fencing: stock yards,
dog pens, farm fencing

FREE QUOTES

KEN 0357904303

0427904303

kendaleestables@hotmail.com

ANTCLIFF'S CHASE

WINE SALES
10am - 5pm Weekends
Weekdays by Appointment
Ph: 57 904 333