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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Susan Fell Mclean

In . . . the Journey, an exhibition of works on paper and canvas, textiles and sculptures at the gallery at the Mitchelton Winery Euroa based artist Susan Fell Mclean integrates her passion for travelling with art. Her curiosity and adventurous spirit has led her into laneways of a medieval city in Italy, and a remote Iban village in the jungle of Borneo the Australian desert, France, USA and Malaysia. 2009 finds her hard at work in her home territory north eastern Victoria.

In every location, Susan Fell McLean's quest is for the experience that captures the spirit of the place, that she can then document in her photographs and paintings, or translate into her two and three dimensional textile pieces. 'I look for inspiration in the landscape, and amongst the people, in the daily details involved in living in a particular place; I find out as much as I can about the history. Something geographical, cultural, archaeological, or even the climate could become the inspiration to create a new piece. I set out with my camera and visual diary and search until each place yields something new or unexpected. For me, travel is about learning as well as seeing' she explains. Finds, a series of three textile pieces stitched with silks from a small family owned haberdashery shop and coloured with locally prized wines and porchini (mushrooms) from Tuscany is one example of the way Susan captured the experience of spending time in an artist's studio Palazzo Vaj in Prato, Italy. For more, go to <http://visibilityedge.blogspot.com/>



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week

Jarrad Gilbert : For sharing his amazing knowledge of ANZAC Day. Well done!



Thankyou:

A huge thankyou to all the community members who are coming to Highlands to help out and add to our already packed curriculum programs. We have Karli Chase, Mavis Cook, Corrie Witloff and Judy Cameron who listen to students read and practise their coloured words. If you know of anyone who would like to come and assist with reading on Tuesdays, that would be great. Betty has started tennis lessons each Tuesday afternoon and students are having a terrific time learning new skills. Verena has offered to teach the students basket weaving and she will come to school each Friday, starting on the 15th May and work with a group of students. We are very fortunate to have such willing and enthusiastic volunteers in our community.

Hot Lunches are very popular! It is terrific to see lots of students trying new foods and enjoying old favourites.



WELCOME TO ISSUE12

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

Fire Restrictions for Region 12 area have been lifted from 1st May 2009.

"Your Health and Well-Being" articles are available on the Alexandra District Hospital website under Health News – www.humehealth.com.au/alexandra. <http://www.rabbitscan.net.au/joomla/>

"RabbitScan is a nationwide challenge for community and schools to help scientists map where rabbits are, by asking people to 'scan' their landscape (school, farm, parkland, roadside reserves, ovals etc) for signs of rabbits and their damage, and to load their results online"

<http://www.rabbitscan.net.au/joomla/>

Butterfly badges

They are raising money for the Deafness Foundation, are on sale at Highlands Primary School for \$2.00. Feel free to call in to the office and buy one!

Thank you to Glenn

from the Broadford Produce, as he donated a new 12 foot gate and fittings for the road gateway at the Caveat Church.

Recovery Concert:

John O'Meara, Principal from Yea High School has organised an amazing concert on Friday 29th May at the Yea Shire Hall, to aide bushfire recovery in our local area. He has sourced some amazing talent including comedy act Scared Weird Little Guys, inspirational, blind singer Lorin Nicholson, and a 15 piece band called the Grand Wazoo. Tickets are \$25 each and will go on sale next week. All proceeds of the concert will be divided between the local schools, including Highlands PS. This is a great opportunity for Highlands PS and I ask for your support by attending the concert it promises to be a terrific night.

Aussie of the Month:

Congratulations to Stohm Gabrielle who is the April Aussie of the Month for working well in class and looking after his friends.

Community What's On Calendar—May/June 2009

Fortnight beg 27th April	Terip Terip mowing roster Sue Martin Tim Andrews and Andrew Holloway Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
3 May- 9 May 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Chris Head Ralph Provan Rob Hayes Richard Robinson
April 26 until May 25	... the JOURNEY is an exhibition of works on paper and canvas, textiles and sculptures from Susan Fell Mclean at the Mitchelton Winery, Mitchelstown Road, Nagambie (03) 5736 2222 . See more of Susan's work at: http://visibilityedge.blogspot.com/
7th May	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative meeting will be at the Highlands Primary School commencing at 7 :30PM The meeting will start with a beautiful DVD about owls which everyone is welcome to come and watch. Feel free to stay for the meeting but don't feel that you have to!
8th May	'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. Gold coin donation to cover power.
10th May	The Avenel Market is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 10am - 2pm. Locally sourced hand-made, baked and grown goods and produce. New Location - Jubilee Park in the centre of town. Proceeds go to park upkeep. Stall inquiries to Anna tel 5796 2481 or email clabburn@optusnet.com.au .
13th May	FTLA Governance Training Programme To be held in Euroa Venue: The Silver Spoon Restaurant 14 Clifton Street, Euroa Time: 10am to 3pm (Lunch and refreshments provided) Sessions are designed for New, Experienced and Potential Office Bearers. Topics included for discussion and training on the day will include: - Basic Governance Issues - How to identify strengths and weaknesses of volunteer groups - How to attract and retain members - Committee succession issues This session is Free to Landcarers and VFF members Please RSVP by (one week prior to the date) to: VFF - Georgina Livery by Phone: 1300 882 833 or by Fax 03 9207 5500 or by Email glivery@vff.org.au Georgina Livery Administrative Officer Farrer House 24 Collins Street Melbourne 3000 Phone: 03 9207 5572 Fax: 03 92075576 Email: glivery@vff.org.au
16th May	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 7.30pm - Rachel McCracken (our favourite girl will get everyone singing to country and classics)
17th May	Ramblers . Next walk is at Granite Hills. Meet at Highlands Hall at 10.30 am. Andrew Shaw will be leading walks this year - if any queries, ring him on 57 904297. I would also to thank everyone who has sent me messages, cards, flowers. and visited me in hospital, I hope I am now home for good, even if I am as weak as a kitten, and not allowed to drive for 6 months. P.L.
28th May	Secret Men's Business at the Caveat Church on the last Thursday of every month. Come along at 5.30pm and enjoy a snag and a chat by the fire. Everyone is welcome, even Chloe.
31st May	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com In the Dining Room, we're looking forward to our first food & wine event of the year. Shades of Autumn will be a sumptuous four course menu, matched to local wines. The menu is a celebration of 'all things tasty' from Strathbogie and the region and includes Avenel Mushrooms, Ruffy Turkey, and Local Venison. Price is \$65 per person including wines. Bookings are essential so call early to avoid disappointment.
7th June	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 4.00pm - Jimmy Davidson (a Longwood FC legend from the 70's singing old time rock)
20th June	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 7.30pm - Ruckus (one for the diary - these guys and girl will be performing foot stompin' country rock - listen to them at www.ruckus.net.au)



AVENEL MARKET



PHOTOS by LUCY BOWLER

Classifieds & Community Notices

STUART REID'S ACCIDENT

Following an accident on 20 April while cutting a branch from a tree on our property, Stuart was sent to Royal Melbourne Hospital Intensive Care Unit. He is now recovering in the Austin Hospital's Spinal Unit. Stuart's spinal cord has been damaged and he has 6 fractured ribs and a punctured lung. He did not lose consciousness throughout his ordeal and has not required an operation to stabilise his spine. When he is ready he will be transferred to Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre.

We don't yet know how long this process will take or how full his recovery will be, but he is very determined and is making progress each day. The right side of his body is most affected, but he is gradually regaining feeling and movement in all his limbs. He is already sitting up and has taken several steps with support.

I am staying in Heidelberg in a flat close to the hospital and our world has shrunk down to Ward 3 North and that is where I will also be for some time, although I will be back and forth to Highlands. We welcome visitors. You can phone me on 0407 843 624.

It has been wonderful to have the support of our children and grandchildren and so many friends over the past few days.

Thanks for all the message of concern and love we have received.

We remain very hopeful for a good recovery. Judy Reid

RAINFALL

"Glentannar" Highlands, for April was 85.9 mms, making 161.4 for the year so far. How lovely to see signs of green appearing in the paddocks !



NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR

NOW is the time to nominate outstanding older people for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

The Member for Seymour, Ben Hardman, said the nomination process was an important part of the statewide search to find seniors who have made exceptional contributions to their local community.

"If you know an ordinary senior who does extraordinary things for the community, then the annual Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are a great way you can show your appreciation for their contribution," he said.

To be eligible for an award, the nominee must be an Australian citizen, a resident of Victoria, aged 60 years or more, and who has achieved something extraordinary or performed exceptional service to the community.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Seniors Information Victoria, phone 1300 135 090, or downloaded from the Office of Senior Victorians website: www.seniors.vic.gov.au

Opportunities begin to open up in bushfire rebuilding

Recovery from the February bushfires will, in many cases, be dependent on people getting back to work as soon as possible. Two initiatives are being implemented to assist local businesses and individuals to be first in line when opportunities present themselves. "Council has been working with The Industry Capability Network (ICN) and the Rural Skills Connect (RSC) program to open the door to employment opportunities for local people" said Bob Elkington, Manager of Economic Development recently. "It is vital that people can put their skills and experience to good use and help to drive our recovery and rebuilding process" he added.

The Regional Industry Link (RIL) is an industry development program managed by the ICN that assists regional businesses to grow and take advantage of local work opportunities. Once a business is registered, links can be made between them and those looking for their particular skills, goods and services. All that a business needs to do is register its capability/capacity via the website (www.regionalindustrylink.com.au) - follow the links to Register Your Company or call Tammy Atkins on 0488 325 495.

DESPERATELY SEEKING ROBIN!!

The Mad Hatters require a person to play the sensitively artistic Robin, male or female it doesn't matter, in their next production in July. Just someone with a sense of fun and available on Thursday nights for an hour or so for rehearsal. Enquiries phone Susan Bennett 57904338 or pop in on Thursday night 7.30pm at the Highlands Hall.

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57991623

BUSHFIRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THESE DATES:

May 5, 11, 12, 16, 25, 26, 31
Contact Janet Hagen 57904268

Wanted to Buy Small upright spinning wheel.

Contact - Anne Koponca

5762 6260 After 6p.m.

YOGA CLASSES

Intro to Yoga Tuesdays 6-7.30pm at Abundance Wellness & Beauty, Yea
Gentle postures and relaxation.
General Yoga Wednesdays 6-7.30pm at Highlands Hall.
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Yoga & Relaxation Saturday 9th May 9.30am - 12.30pm at Abundance Wellness & Beauty, Yea
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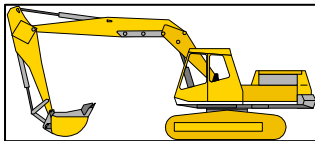
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