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PEOPLE AND PLACES

AVENEL MARKET

– fresh, local and growing fast! (2nd Sunday of each month 10am – 2pm)

For those who may be unaware of our change, Avenel Market moved in 2009 to the centrally located Jubilee Park. While its previous incarnations were linked with local businesses, this new chapter marks its shift to a genuine community market. Administration is overseen by the voluntary Jubilee Park Committee and any proceeds left after costs are put back into funding maintenance and development of the Park grounds.

The Market has always prided itself on being a unique event in the region. Stall holders are asked to adhere to our core philosophy of supporting solely locally produced, hand-made or home grown/baked goodies. Many stalls have been with the Market since it was first piloted at the historic Harvest Homestead and through its consolidation at WB Gadds cosy antique/clothing store. The word in the park is that they like the warm friendly atmosphere of the new location and the sense of fun about the event each month.

This year the Market has received funding through the Shire of Strathbogie to stage some free live music and children's activities. It is hoped that these features will continue to be a part of the Market's profile into the coming year as it continues to grow to full self-sustenance! We have enjoyed unearthing some local musical talent and the parents visiting the Market also seem to appreciate having their small ones occupied while they chat and enjoy the stalls on offer. Our regular face painter Jo will paint grown ups as well as children should the whim strike!

Community is the core business of the Market and for this reason we are making a big effort to let our local public know what is going on. A special monthly mail out lets the local population know what's on each month and we make other promotional efforts in adjacent towns in the region via flyers prior to the event. We also provide a few sites for local garage sales and one-off fundraising efforts.

There is some interest in developing a dedicated Farmer's Market as a branch of the existing event. This is an exciting prospect that we hope to pursue into the new year.

We welcome enquiries about new stalls and hope you will consider dropping by on the next 2nd Sunday in the month. Anna Clabburn,
Avenel Market Administrator

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WELCOME TO ISSUE 17

Please send all articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au
So much for my idea of not having a Granite News this week!

1080 AND NATIVE FAUNA AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

The table below indicates the number of baits various native animals and domestic animals would have to consume to get a lethal dose of poison. In most cases it is impossible for native animals to get a lethal dose because they can't physically eat that many baits in one sitting and 1080 does not accumulate in their system. Domestic livestock are quite sensitive to 1080 but are unlikely to eat meat baits. In Victoria baits are buried to prevent birds moving them around and spaced 500-1,000 metres apart to reduce the risk of foxes caching (moving and re-burying them).

These baits are an effective method of controlling fox populations, however they do pose a risk to humans and other animals if handled incorrectly or consumed. Pets should not be allowed to access the baits or any carcasses that have been poisoned with the bait.

More information - call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

	No. of baits for a lethal dose (based on LD ₅₀)	Comments
Eagle	13	Unlikely to come across or eat this many baits
Western grey kangaroo	300	Not attracted to meat
Eastern grey kangaroo	5	Not attracted to meat
Emu	>2000	Impossible to find and eat this many baits
Goanna	33	Unlikely to come across this many baits, couldn't eat them anyway
Fox	0.2	Very susceptible
Wild Dog/dog	0.7	Very susceptible
Feral cat/cat	0.5	Very susceptible
Cow	67	Couldn't find this many baits, not attracted to meat or buried food
Sheep	6	Unlikely to come across this many baits, not attracted to meat or buried food

Community What's On Calendar—June/July 2009

Fortnight beg 8th June	Terip Terip mowing roster Ken and Robyn Richards The Listers Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
7 Jun - 13 Jun	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Peter Wales Candi Westney Mark Stokes S Ford
10th June, Benalla; 11th June, Long- wood	Soils Alive - . Free workshops on understanding organic matter, soil biology and the benefits of dung beetles. Lunch and notes provided. To book in contact Charlie Sexton on 57 611 560 or email kirsty.youman@dpi.vic.gov.au
Friday 12th June	Drinks on the deck at the Highlands Hall, all welcome to come and share a meal and catch up with friends or meet new people. Gold coin donation for the hall. 6.30pm onwards
Sunday 14th June	Melbourne composer and classical guitarist David Adams will be giving a recital in the Highlands. David will be playing works by Tarrega, Sor, Carcassi, Bach, Navarez, Adams and Primrose. Venue: Dennis Spiteri's Studio/Gallery, 'Hillcrest' RMB 6020 Old Highlands Rd. Everyone welcome. Time: 2pm. Entry by donation. No booking is necessary, but to give us some idea of numbers to expect, could people that are interested in coming please contact Dennis or Margaret on 57969373 or email: dennisspiteri@
14 Jun - 20	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Richard Waugh Geoff Bond Ned Jeffery Shaun Clarke
Thursday 18th June	Mid Goulburn Broken Catchment Landcare Network Invites you to an information session on: Grazing of Cereal Crops and using Lucerne Early grazing of cereal crops can provide valuable fodder without affecting grain yields at harvest. This seminar will focus on sowing cereals into pasture, timing of grazing on cereals without affecting yields. Grazing of cereal crops aims to boost farm profitability across the mixed farming zone. 1:00pm At the Violet Town Community Complex 1:00pm - 3:00pm followed by a local paddock walk Guest Speaker Simon Falkiner Agricultural Consultant, Livestock manager at Murdeduke for ten years and worked on the Grain and Graze project Themes that will be covered: * Grazing cereals - What and when to sow and how to graze. * Minimum till crops. * Summer crops. * Use of Lucerne including inter row sowing with cereals. * Paddock talk - applying principals to local cereal crops. RSVP by June 12 Robert Hawken Project Officer Tel 0357354350 Mob 0418140710 or email, landcare2@iinet.net.au This activity is free to attend and supported by the Mid Goulburn Broken Landcare Network
21 Jun - 27 Jun 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER John WoodGlen Christensen Ashley Waite Rob Wales
Fortnight beg 22nd June	Terip Terip mowing roster Tim and Cindy Hayes Ian and Cynthia Crawford Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
25th June	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.
28th June	Highlands Ramblers walk Call Andrew on 57 904297 if you need more details Highlands Hall 10.30am
28 Jun -4 Jul 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Scott James Roger Broome Wes Jeffery Richard Robinson
Saturday 4th July	Black Market: 10:00-12:00 at Rocky Passes [1590 Highlands Rd]. It's a very casual local food exchange. Any questions, call 57969366.
Friday 10th July	Drinks on the deck at the Highlands Hall, all welcome to come and share a meal and catch up with friends or meet new people. Gold coin donation for the hall. 6.30pm onwards
Thursday 30th July	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.

Classifieds & Community Notices

CLEAN UP WITH APPLIANCE REBATE

NOW is the time to clean up with a \$100 discount on the cost of energy and water efficient washing machines and dishwashers.. This initiative runs from June 5th until June 28.

Participating retailers will provide \$100 cash back on the purchase of washing machines and dishwashers with a minimum 3.5 star rating.

Mr Hardman said energy and water efficient appliances save money over the long term because they use less electricity and water but were often more expensive than less efficient models. "This discount will help make the up-front cost of efficient appliances more affordable."

Household appliances, including washing machines and dishwashers, account for around 13 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions in a typical Victorian household and 5 per cent of a household's energy usage.

Retailers participating in the Victorian Government Appliance Incentive include: Myer, Warehouse Sales, Harvey Norman, The Good Guys, Retravision, Clive Peeters, Camberwell Electrics, E & S Trading, Betta Electrical, David Jones, Clive Anthonys and Neco.

For a full list of participating retailers visit resourcesmart.vic.gov.au

GO RED FOR WOMEN

Wear red on June 12th to raise awareness of the risk of heart disease in women.

Did you know that heart disease is the number 1 killer of Australian women? If this is news to you, you're not alone.

The Go Red for Women campaign plans to turn this around. Your heart needs care for life. A healthy heart is about enjoying a healthy lifestyle and making this part of your everyday life. Small changes to your eating habits can make a big difference. Try switching to reduced fat milk instead of full fat milk, ditching the biscuits for morning tea and choosing a piece of fruit or opting for wholegrain bread instead of white. Look for ways to build physical activity into your day. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving.

The Heart Foundation has lots of information about caring for your heart including heaps of recipes for yummy, healthy meals. Call 1300 362 787 or visit www.heartfoundation.org.au.

HEAT YOUR HOME FOR LESS

CUTTING energy bills and keeping warm this winter is now easier and cheaper, with discounts and special offers available to upgrade heating, install energy efficient light globes and draught-proof homes through the Energy Saver Incentive.

"The more energy and greenhouse gas emissions you can save through this initiative, the bigger the potential discount or special offer.

"For example, if you are replacing your heater, incentives can range from \$50 to benefits worth several thousand dollars, with some of the biggest savings to be made on switching from old electric heating to efficient gas heating."

Mr Hardman said discounts were also available for other heat and energy-saving home improvements including double-glazing windows, sealing gaps around doors and windows and draught-proofing vents and chimneys.

"Air leaks can account for 15 to 25 per cent of heat loss from an uninsulated home, adding an extra six tonnes or 120,000 black balloons of greenhouse gas emissions to an average home's carbon footprint," he said.

"A key element of the Energy Saver Incentive is energy efficient products must be installed by accredited persons and consumers will be asked to sign a form confirming they have received the benefit offered.

"The scheme is voluntary and householders are not obliged to participate.

www.saveenergy.vic.gov.au or by contacting the Essential Services Commission on (03) 9651 4911.

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I have a lovely wooden cot & a high-chair . I can be contacted on 57969396.Karli

WORK WANTED

I am looking for full time or part time work in the district. I am experienced at tractor work, fencing, sheep and cattle work and general jobs around the farm. I can provide references if required . I am ready to start immediately and keen to do my best. Please ring 57904256 at any time. Ben Hogan

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

The Swamp Wallaby is a small macropod marsupial of eastern Australia. It is also commonly known as the Black Wallaby, Black-tailed Wallaby, Stinker and Black Stinker.

A combination of dental, behavioural, genetic and reproductive characteristics set this wallaby so far apart from other wallabies that it is classified as the sole living member of the genus Wallabia .

The Swamp Wallaby is typically a solitary animal, but sometimes aggregates into groups of up to 6 when feeding. It eats a wide range of food plants, including shrubs, pasture, agricultural crops, and native and exotic vegetation. The Swamp Wallaby appears to be able to tolerate a variety of plants poisonous to many other animals, including brackens and hemlock.

The preferred diet appears to involve browsing of shrubs and bushes, rather than grazing of grasses. This is unusual in wallabies and other macropods, as most typically prefer grazing. Tooth structure reflects this preference for browsing, with the shape of the molars differing from that of other wallabies.

According to Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation, the Swamp Wallaby was considered inedible, due to its smell and taste after cooking. Commercial shooters also find the Swamp Wallaby undesirable due to its small size and coarse fur.

The Swamp Wallaby becomes reproductively viable from 15-18 months of age, and can breed throughout the year. Gestation is from 33-38 days, leading to a single young. The young is carried in the pouch from 8-9 months, but will continue to suckle until about 15 months.



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Rocky
Passes



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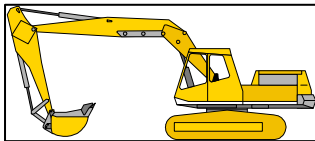
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