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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

PHILIP AND MARILYN COOPER are 'newcomers' to Highlands, they bought a house and land on Old Highlands Road in 2004 and moved here from Melbourne in 2006.

They say they are typical 'tree changers' and really love this area. They spent several years searching, having decided they wanted either a view or water and a nearby town was important. In their searches they always stopped at Yea for coffee and liked the ambience of the town.

As they drove up the hill to the bush Marilyn was put off by the dirt road and said she'd stay in the car, but Philip insisted, and it didn't take long for both to realise it was right for them.

Philip was originally from Queensland and he studied Engineering at Brisbane University, then a job with Ford in America followed.

He had two sons, then moved from Ford to merchant banking. Back in Australia and with a couple of partners, he decided to start an executive search business. This type of business had previously been dominated by overseas companies.

Philip owned a small yacht in the 1970's, but had no time to indulge in sailing. "Blue water" (which equals ocean) sailing followed and a bigger yacht, as well as buying an IT company and doing a BA in Fine Arts at RMIT.

He has always taken an active interest in Art and now conducts Art Appreciation classes at U3A in Yea. On his bigger yacht, he spent 10 months sailing solo up the east coast of Australia to Cape York.

Marilyn was discouraged from a career by her father, but she did Business Studies at RMIT, which included typing and shorthand. This led to a job as a personal assistant to a Rio Tinto shipping executive. She has a daughter who lives in Hong Kong and one grand daughter.

Having both retired Marilyn and Philip are enjoying their different lifestyles and becoming involved in the community. Marilyn is now treasurer of the Yea Probus Club and both are great assets to our community.

By Peg Lade

## NEW FIRE DANGER RATING

The new six-tiered national Fire Danger Rating system will provide advance warning and clear directions to best preserve human life in the face of a fire threat.

The Bureau of Meteorology will declare in advance the Fire Danger Rating for each day and in each weather district in consultation with fire agencies.

Mr Brumby said conditions such as those on Black Saturday would attract the highest Fire Danger Rating – Code Red (Catastrophic) and the direction to people in bushfire prone areas on such a day is that the safest option is to leave the night before or early in the morning. Mr Hardman urged residents to take action to be as fire-safe and as fire-ready as possible and to plan now to :

- Establish a Bushfire Survival Plan, including options for relocation;
- Receive and follow a Fire Ready kit;
- Clean up property; and
- Get involved in local fire preparation activities.

## OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones become fragile and brittle, leading to a higher risk of fractures (breaks or cracks) than in normal bone. It occurs when bones lose minerals, such as calcium, more quickly than the body can replace them, leading to a loss of bone thickness (bone mass or density). As a result, bones become thinner and less dense, so that even a minor bump can cause serious fractures. These are known as fragility or minimal trauma fractures. Osteoporosis usually has no signs or symptoms until a fracture happens - this is why osteoporosis is often called the 'silent disease'.

In Australia approximately 60% of women and 30% of men, over the age of 60 years will suffer an osteoporotic fracture in their remaining lifetime. At present, the cost of all of these fractures in Australia exceeds \$1.9 billion per year. It is estimated that in Australia by the year 2025, these fractures will more than double and hip fractures alone will exceed 32,000 per annum. Eat a healthy and varied diet, consume calcium rich foods, absorb enough Vitamin D, avoid smoking, limit alcohol intake, limit caffeine and undertake regular weight bearing and strength training activities .Ph:1800242141 or [www.osteoporosis.org.au](http://www.osteoporosis.org.au) .

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 33

Please send all articles etc to [Miranda@omnipotent.com.au](mailto:Miranda@omnipotent.com.au)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE GRANITE NEWS BY EMAIL TOO?

The advantages are:

It arrives earlier, on a Friday AND it is in colour AND It is easy to keep as a record. Just email me your address and I'll add you to the address book which is already well over 300.

## ADVERTISING ON THE BACK OF THE GRANITE NEWS IN 2010

Due to increased demand for advertising space on the back of The Granite News, the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative, which funds this newsletter, has decided to increase the number of spots from 15 to 24. This means the ads will be smaller and therefore the cost has been reduced from \$250 a spot to \$200 (includes GST).

If you would like a spot you first need to contact Miranda by email or phone 57969261 and the spaces will be allocated on a first in, best dressed basis. Cheques need to be made out to the HCCC and posted to Neville Ford

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The advertisements will be 4.75cm W X 4.75cmD in size and need to be sent in that size to ensure that the ad looks exactly how you want it to be. Sounds like a square to me. From experience they are clearer and easier to read with less detail and simple graphics.

## SCOTTY'S ANSWER

Hello Miranda my name is Mark Ireland. I live next door to the Terip rec reserve, in an article in issue 31 about who is on 1116 sen radio with a father in law who runs about 5,000 sheep. I would like to correct the person. It is me Mark Ireland and the father in law has about 6,500 sheep. He is in Longwood. I have a regular spot once a month at the radio station so tell him to keep listening and I will mention him. I think his name was Fred, no seriously Scotty so as they say seek you will find, and it was worth Scotty wanting to find out who Dav was because now he will know it's Mark with the black sheep next to Terip rec reserve.

## Community What's On Calendar—November 2009

Week beg 2nd November	Terip Terip mowing roster Alan and Betty Renfree Brian and GailVan Rooyen Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
1st –7th November	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER John Wood John Dalziel Russell Chapman S Clarke
5th November	Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit invites you to our Annual Oaks Day Luncheon at the Seymour Race Club on Thursday 5th Nov 2009 commencing at 11 a.m. Admission \$22.00 per person. Drinks available at the bar (NO B.Y.O.) Mystery prizes, door prizes, Best Dressed , Best Hat, Best Shoes and raffles. Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall, Seymour. Phone 57990773. NO tickets available at door.
5th November	Terip Terip Tennis Club Sausage Sizzle 6pm Come along and join us for a hit of tennis and a sausage sizzle! Gold coin donation per person to cover costs would be greatly appreciated.
6th November	By popular demand - the return of the 1st Friday BBQ - Need to book - Ruffy Store 5790 4387
8th November	Whitehead's Creek will be running a day to reiterate the importance of tree planting. This will be at the hall at 10.30am on Janet Hagen will be there in the morning with her trailer and we will do seed planting and she will give a talk on Seed raising , propagating and on planting and the importance of species choosing in fire prone areas. We will then serve a tasty, free lunch and this will be followed by a talk by David Laurie on the importance of trees in our landscape. We will then have a large selection of tube trees to give away.
8th November	YEA FIRE BRIGADE GROUP TRAINING DAY Strath Creek (ANZ Training Complex) RV 09:30 AM Brigades requested to supply a tanker with crew of five. Other members also welcome. Refreshments and lunch provided. Contact: Brigade Captain or Ross Williamson [03.5797.2205]
8th- 14th Nov	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Rod Chisholm Roger Broome Tim Hayes Paul Neibling
11th November	The last Ruffy Bookclub meeting for the year. We are discussing 'Mao's Last Dancer' at Lu Craven's place at 8pm. Ring Lu if you need directions on how to get there PH 57904011. Email Jackie if you would like a list of questions to stimulate your brain while you are reading the novel :baroa@bigpond.com.au Another book we are planning to read next February (so organised!) is 'The Diamond Anchor' by Jennifer Mills, one of the books Sari Wawn has recommended.
11th November	CFA FIRE READY VICTORIA NAGAMBIE Community Meeting (public) 5.00PM-6.30PM Mitchelton Winery - Mitchellstown Rd, NAGAMBIE
13th November	'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall from 6.30pm. Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. Gold coin donation to cover power.
14th November	10am -12noon Black Market - a low kilometre food exchange. All welcome. This month it will be at the home of Beatrice Neilsen and Michael Greer. 215 Ghin Ghin Road, Whiteheads Creek. 0409 413 768
15th November	Roadside Vegetation Field Day at the Euroa Arboretum 10.30-3pm. Lunch and refreshments included...speakers from Trust for Nature, DPI, DSE, Regent Honeyeater Project, Shire of Strathbogie, Greenacres Land Management (GIS Vegetation mapping)...and includes a bus trip to roadsides where landholders have done reveg works adjacent to these significant places. Bookings a must to allow us to organise lunch and the bus trip. Tel: 04289 127 399
15th - 21st Nov	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Wes Jeffery Richard Robinson Brian Tolley Mick Leatham
17th November	STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING IN RUFFY HALL! The Council will meet with the Ruffy Community Action Group at 5.00 pm, followed by the Council Meeting at 6.00. The meeting is open to the whole community. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF STARTING TIME TO 5.00 pm!
20th November	CFA FIRE READY VICTORIA LONGWOOD Community Meeting (public) 7.30PM-9.00PM Longwood Community Centre - Down Street, LONGWOOD
21st November	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative AGM and a farewell to Marj and Brian Tolley. It will be held somewhere in Ruffy More information coming but mark it in your diaries.
22nd November	CFA FIRE READY VICTORIA YARCK Community Meeting (public) 9.30AM-11.00AM Yarck Hall - Maroondah Hwy, YARCK

## Classifieds & Community Notices

### TENDER FOR MOWING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Expressions of interest are being called for the mowing of Highlands Primary School grounds, including the oval for 2010. It is anticipated that mowing will be required on approximately 8 separate occasions (depending on seasonal conditions) as directed by Meagan. All equipment to be supplied by the successful tendered. Expressions should be in writing to Meagan by Friday 27th November 2009. Any questions, please contact Meagan Tel: 5796 9208

### FOR SALE

Thoroughbred/stockhorse 16.2 bay gelding. 3yrs. Perfect gentleman with wonderful temperament. Broken in by Tom Herring in Euroa now ready to go on. Will make great eventer. \$2,000 tel 0419441993 Wendy Wright

### MEET YOUR STRATHBOGIE COUNCILLOR

Strathbogrie Shire Council, Hughes Creek Ward, Councillor Malcolm Little will be at the Ruffy Hall Friday November 13th, 3.00-5.00 pm to discuss any council issues concerning the Ward.

### SEYMOUR PRE SCHOOL TURNS 50

Come and join in our celebrations at Seymour Pre - School Centre 19-21 Victoria Street Seymour on Saturday 7th November from 10am - 2pm We will be celebrating this special event with an Open Day. There will be a sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, choirs from local schools as well as photo displays and many children's activities. At 12pm we will be presenting a special plaque to the Kinder commemorating 50 years in Early Childhood Education within the Seymour community. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ELF DAY

: Early Learning is Fun is a Reading Day that all schools and kinders in the Murrindindi Cluster participate in on an annual basis. ELF Day will be held next Thursday 5th November in Yea. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character and we listen to readings of picture story books along the main street of Yea. We return to Yea Primary School for a costume parade and then a performance from a book company called Gargoyle in the Garage.

### BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

NANKEEN KESTREL - is found all over Australia, and is reasonably common here. It is often seen perched on telephone or electricity wires, or hovering while searching for prey on the ground. It is one of the smallest raptors, and is pale rufous above with black flight feathers and is whitish below. Like many raptors, the female is larger than the male and the nest is in a tree hollow, ledge or cavity in a cliff, or even in an old nest of another bird.



### RAMBLERS' REPORT

The Ramblers walk on the 25th October started at Yurretas Road and went to Rantin Robin Rocks through lovely messmate forest and paddocks. The weather was chilly but fine. Fourteen people attended including 4 children. Many small flowers were blooming including violets, bulbine lilies, Early Nancies, starworts and orchids. Lunch was taken in amongst the huge rocks and some rock scrambling took place. The return trip followed the outward route and we were soon back at the cars. A terrific, relaxing and enjoyable day. Thanks to Andrew for leading the walk once again.



### THANK YOU

I wish to thank all the people that came to my book launch on 17th October and showed their support by purchasing books – as well as to others, who couldn't make it on the day, but have sent their good wishes and ordered copies. It is heartening to live in a community that shows such enthusiasm and support for the arts. Thank you. Dennis Spiteri

Copies of 'Confronting Mephistopheles' a novel by Dennis Spiteri are available for purchase from the author. Phone: 57969373.

### HAY FOR SALE

Ring Shorty at Terip Terip 57904001

### PLANTS FOR DRY GARDENS

Thanks to Sammy Strong we have a new section in TGN for gardeners wanting to plant attractive 'survivors' that don't need loads of water in these changing conditions.

### Daviesia latifolia Hop Bitter Pea

This small shrub grows along our roadside verges in dappled shade-partial sun. Multi-stemmed, it is a native pea with decorative spoon-shaped leaves that have different toning throughout the year. It flowers now (October) with two-toned yellow and auburn 'egg and bacon' flowers along the stems. It is tolerant of frost, extended dry periods, but very sensitive to Roundup (as seen when mistaken as gum saplings by roadside sprayers!)





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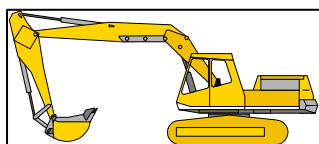
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