



PEOPLE AND PLACES

TOOLS FOR FOOLS

The forthcoming market day at the Yea Railway Park will bring many new faces and stall holders to the revamped market venue. Amongst some of the new stall holders will be some very cool guys (well old buggars actually), peddling their wares with a nifty tag. Trading as 'Tools for Fools', the market stand will be a local cooperative venture, which will specialise in peddling both very common and 'very odd' tools.

If you are like me, you know that one block plane could never be enough, you have to have at least six, including a No. 3 1/2 Stanley, a Marples No. 5 and a least a Rebater or two. We all know that everyone worth their salt, needs at least twenty files and that collection must include at least one rough bastard, a very smooth bastard and a dreadnought for that leaded weight.

With everything from rusty old spanners, screwdrivers, pliers and those 20+ files, the Fools and their Tools will also have one off items too. If you are looking for a microscope, a telescope or a stethoscope come and browse.

Tripods, bipods and monopods will be procured, displayed and sold. Dumpy levels, spirit levels and water levels too, electrical generators, inverters, rectifiers and DC supplies can be sought and bought.

Oil drums, oil pumps, petrol pumps and water pumps can be delivered, we might even have welders too, wooden work benches, adjustable wrenches and winches, hammers, crammers and jammers, there will be something for every fool that ever wanted just that sort of tool for the job that might just have to be fixed one day soon.

We are hoping to accommodate your every need, shim or whim and to do this, you will need to talk to us and discuss what you need. If you are looking for a hoist, or more than one or two joists, come and talk to the fools fondling their tools and taking pleasure from their numerous vices.

If you want to join the Fools on September 4th, give Robert Gardiner a call on 0422 159 753 and start emptying your shed of those old wares or better still start finding some extra room for your new purchases.

From Sophia Demos

WELCOME TO ISSUE 26

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A big thank you to Nigel from the Ruffy Store who has very kindly offered to share his marvellous recipes with us. Thank you Nigel!
A get well message to Mavis from TGN. We are busy writing poetry at Highlands Primary School this term so I have included a verse by Laura Bennett which she is working on at the moment.

Dry is the land
Death is upon us
The desperation for water
Is all around you.
Every drop counts,
Deserted is the land.
Loss all around.

It is a little hard to remember the pain of the drought as we wash around in the mud and zoom through our wood supply at a frightening rate.

Trevor and Sue Peterson have sold their property and will be sadly missed in the community, especially by the HiArts team.

Jono Rumbold has taken on Trevor's job of looking after the Highlands website so if you have any questions or information you would like to include please contact him on PH: 57969344 or jr@omnipotent.com.au

EXCELLENT MAP SITE

If you want to know where your sheep are and can't be bothered going outside go to <http://www.nearmap.com> that's a slight exaggeration but it is a free, very up to date, map site.

WALKING TRACK FOR RUFFY

The Ruler of Dubai has donated \$10,000 (this is not an April Fools' Day joke) to the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative for the 'Bogs and Bandicoots Ruffy Walking Track' from the Ruffy Recreation Ground, down Noyes Lane to the Ruffy Snowgum Reserve.

The Ruffy Community Action Group will oversee this project on behalf of the HCCC.

TALLAROOK TREES

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ALEXANDRA LIBRARY'S AWAY WITH WORDS FESTIVAL

Comedian Denise Scott has been treading the boards for longer than she cares to remember and this wealth of experience has made her one of the country's strongest live comic performers.

Scotty is a favourite guest on many of Australia's favourite TV shows, including Spicks and Specks, The 7PM Project and Talkin' 'bout Your Generation, The Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala and Good News Week. She is now a regular co-host on 7PM Project.

Denise is performing as part of the Alexandra Library's Away with Words festival at the Shire Hall on Thursday September 2nd at 7pm. Her performance will be followed by drinks and supper at the library. The Away with Words Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Library Alexandra and District. This is a free event and bookings are absolutely essential, please book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings 5772 0349



SUSTAINABLE HOUSE TOUR

Presented by Violet Town Eco Living Sunday 12th September 10am-12 noon Various locations in and around Violet Town. To register phone 57981735

LANDCARE'S NEW LOGO



Landcare Victoria has a new logo to celebrate all the important work they do to keep our land healthy and sustainable.

Community What's On Calendar—August/September 2010

Fortnight beg 30th August	Terip Terip mowing roster Tim and Frances Lawrence Bruce and Denise McLennan
Week beg 29th-4th Sept	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK ROSTER Debbie Cerda-Pavia Mick Leatham
Thursday 26th August	Secret Men's Business from 5.30pm Local get-together at the Caveat Church on the last Thursday of each month. Bread & Sausages provided BYO drinks. All welcome
Thursday 26th August	Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome 10 am Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH: 5772 0349
Friday 27th August	Acoustica – lunchtime library music concert 12.30 – 1.30 pm Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH: 5772 0349
Sunday 29th August	Casual Church in the Hall Terip Terip—Ruffy Uniting Church service , starting at 11.15am
Sunday 29th August	4.30pm - David Delle-Vergin - Rescheduled date with Tamworth Songwriters Association, 2009 Country Song of the Year winner White Hart Hotel, Longwood T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Sunday 29th August	Terip Terip Back To Committee invites you to a celebration afternoon tea 2pm @ Terip Recreation Reserve This afternoon tea is to say “Thanks” to the many people who supported the celebrations and made it such a success. The committee was overwhelmed with the assistance they received during the planning, operational and post phases. We are still collecting stories, photos, or information that can contribute to our publication on the history of the Terip School and the community. A plate of afternoon tea to share would be appreciated RSVP - Sue Martin 0357904277 19th August 2010
Sunday 29th August	Highland Ramblers, meet 10.30 am Highlands hall, return by 3pm. For more information contact Andrew Shaw 5790 4297
Thursday 2nd September	HiArts Annual General Meeting The AGM of HiArts will be held at 7.30 in the Highlands Hall. It will be followed by a general meeting looking at plans for the Film Festival in March 2011. All are welcome.
Tuesday 7th September	Gaining greater skills and they're free. Volunteer groups and organisations have welcomed the opportunity to take part in a range of free Skills Development Workshops being organised by Murrindindi Shire Council. Following an open survey, the Council is preparing a number of workshops that will be held across the shire on a range of topics. The top six that were identified through the surveys will be conducted early in September through to mid December. The first session has been based on community feedback and will act as a pilot to ensure that future programs are adapted to community needs. Titled “How to win more grants” the sessions will be held at: YEA: , 7:30-9:30pm Yea Golf Club, Clubrooms, Racecourse Road
Friday 10th September	'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. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.
Saturday 11th September	The BLUES BROS BALL returns to the Ruffy Hall! Check out the Op Shops, come dressed up (or dressed down) and dance the night away with Salty Dog – winner of the Australian Blues Band of the Year 2002. Prizes for the 'coolest' couple, the most glamorous gal and the most look-a-like Blues Bros. fella. BYO drinks and nibbles - Magnificent Ruffy supper provided. Tickets \$20.00 each – Make up a table of 8 or just bring a friend. Bookings essential – phone Glen 5790 4318 or Verena 5790 4309.
Sunday 12th September	Terip/Ruffy Uniting Church meets in (Holy Communion)
Monday 13th Sept	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8pm at the Terip Terip Recreation Hall :
Monday 13th September	Gecko CLaN invites Land Managers to A Climate for Opportunity SESSION 4 ALTERNATIVE FARMING PRACTICES 9.30am — 2.30pm Benalla Government Offices, Theatre 89 Sydney Rd, Benalla A series of FREE climate change information sessions. Sessions will cover local issues such as climate, weather patterns, agriculture, biodiversity and mental health to assist land managers to make informed decisions on these issues using new information and innovative technologies. Guest Speakers: David Mason-Jones, Journalist and Author of the book „Should meat be on the menu? — Carbon issues in our food: paddock to plate” & David Marsh, Farmer and Lachlan CMA board member from Boorowa NSW, speaking on holistic management techniques RSVP by Wednesday 8th September (for catering purposes) Charlie Sexton Landcare Project Officer Ph: (03) 5761 1560 Email: landcare1@iinet.net.au
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Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS



MISTLETOE

Mistletoes are parasites that grow on and feed off other trees. A few clumps won't harm a healthy host tree, but large infestations may kill if there are other stress factors as well. Grey Mistletoe (*Amyema quandang*) grows on wattles and has grey-green leaves with flowers pointing upwards. Drooping mistletoe (*Amyema pendulum*) grows on both Eucalyptus and wattles and has thinner darker leaves, often with an orange tinge, and flowers pointing down. I've seen both species growing together on the one tree. Both have thin stalklike flowers branching off other stalks which branch off a central stalk, like an elaborate candelabra.

RUFFY STORE SECRETS NIGEL'S RASPBERRY AND ALMOND SLICE RECIPE

Pre heat oven to 175 deg. Grease 30cm x 15cm slice tin and line with baking paper.

200g flour

100g unsalted butter

50g caster sugar

Whizz in Magimix until crumb like then press into prepared tin bake 10min/175 deg. Allow to cool slightly in the tin.

3 eggs

125g caster sugar - beaten together until white.

Lightly mix together 50g fine desiccated coconut and 100g ground almonds (almond meal) then fold into egg and sugar mixture.

Spread Ruffy Raspberry jam over cooked shortcake then evenly cover with almond mixture.

Bake for 20min @ 165 deg.

TIME TO CLEAN OUT CHEMICALS

ChemClear and Murrindindi Shire Council have joined forces in providing scheduled collection points for people to dispose of any surplus, unwanted, unlabelled, mixed or out of date agricultural and vet chemicals.

There is a cost for disposal of Group 2 products which is quoted to the waste holder once their registration has been processed.

Registration for this year's October collection closes on 3 September. People can register at 1800 008 182 or visit www.chemclear.com.au

BETTER HEALTH CHANNEL

Ever wondered where to start looking on the internet for reliable health information? Scared of what you might find when you get on Google to look for a diagnosis on that itchy foot? No need to fear... The Better Health Channel is here!

The Better Health Channel is the leading health information website in Australia and is overseen by the Victorian Department of Health. The website has been online for 10 years and to celebrate this milestone it has undergone a major re-design, making it even easier to find information about maintaining your health.

The Better Health Channel is an important part of the Victorian Health Department's preventive health strategy. It has been created to give Victorians reliable health information they can use to maintain their health. The focus of the site is healthy living and healthy lifestyles.

As well as a new look and feel, the site has a new interactive design and social media features. You can now search for health information by topic, share your own health hints, watch videos to see how others manage their health, view top tips for healthy living, access health services on your mobile.

The Better Health Channel can be viewed by going to:

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

HiARTS AGM

The AGM of HiArts will be held on Thursday 2nd September at 7.30 in the Highlands Hall. It will be followed by a general meeting looking at plans for the Film Festival in March 2011. All are welcome.

SPRING SOAKS & BOGS FIELD DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The hall was packed and the weather wonderful for the recent 'Bogs' Field Day. Over 80 people from across the Strathbogie Ranges travelled to Ruffy to learn of the latest research into our wetlands.

The day concluded with a visit to the Hagen bogs down the Weibye Track. (Sally & John O'Connor look on in amazement has a procession of about 50 cars passed them on the road!)

Feedback has been very positive. A new Conservation Management Network focusing on Springs & Bogs was launched and this has been backed up by the GBCMA initiating a 'wetland tender' process to be delivered by land-care, which will pay some landholders to protect and manage their valuable wetlands.

To register your interest if you missed the day or for further information please contact Janet Hagen 57 904 268 jhagen@harboursat.com.au.



A packed hall listened to the latest research on our bogs.



The day ended with a visit to the magnificent Hagen bogs down the Weibye Track.

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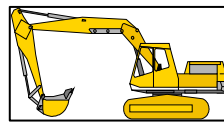
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