



PEOPLE AND PLACES

HIGH PRAISE FOR ROCKY PASSES

I recently went on a quick trip to Spain and Argentina. Okay, it was only overnight. And it was less than a two-hour drive from Melbourne. My girlfriend Beth and I went to a Tapas Night at Rocky Passes Estate in Whiteheads Creek near Seymour. Rocky Passes is owned and run by Candi Westney and Victor Oles (who is also an incredibly gifted wood craftsman). Candi is Australian and Victor is Argentinean, but they whip up some of the best Spanish tapas I have ever eaten. And it was all washed down with their delectable red wines. We started with a bottle of Shiraz Cabernet blend (their most popular) and moved onto a bottle of... we're not sure. The wine was so nice, and was going down way too quickly, that we can't recall what we drank next. I did recall what we ate, though. Well, I kept a copy of the menu at least and I knew what we'd eaten because we ate EVERY tapas on the list. Just to make you salivate a little this is what we ate:

- Albondigas (herbed meatballs in rich tomato salsa)
- Alcachofas borrachas (Artichokes in a wine reduction)
- Bunuelos de coliflor (Cauliflowers and cheese fried dumplings with mustard salsa)
- Chorizos (Grilled Spanish sausage)
- Empanadas (Sweet spiced pork parcels in pastry)
- Gambas piri piri (Grilled prawns with a ginger, garlic and chilli salsa)
- Pimientos y alcaparras (Roasted red peppers with capers)
- Queso de oveja (Sheep's milk cheese)

And then, if we weren't full enough, we had both desserts: Panna cotta con frutillas (Creamy pudding with strawberries and coulis)
Torta de almendras (Almond cake with orange liquor syrup).

Below is a photo of the summer outdoor eating area.
www.rockypasses.com.au

By Brian Thacker



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spelling Competition:

Congratulations to the participants of the University of NSW Spelling Competition. John Bennett received a Distinction, Lachie Wischer a Credit and Jarrod Gilbert a participation. Well done boys!

Professional Learning:

This week's professional learning was very valuable. I spent 2 days at Yea High School for the Ultraset Lead User Training. The Ultraset is an online student-centred learning environment that supports high quality learning and teaching and connects parents, students and parents. I am developing the spaces for access in the very near future. To learn more about the Ultraset you can visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ultraset.

Colouring Competition:

Congratulations to Jessica Bennett who received 3rd prize in the Bendigo Bank colouring competition. Well done Jess!



Some of the students from Highlands Primary School who performed in Melbourne as part of the Boite Choir.



Lots of hands on Science fun during our Science Afternoon! Kendall and Kassie on the bubble machine.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 28

Please send articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au or ring on 57969261

Susy Barry sent this with the title 'A reminder for teachers'

A king asked a sage to explain the Truth. In response the sage asked the king how he would convey the taste of a mango to someone who had never eaten anything sweet. No matter how hard the king tried, he could not adequately describe the flavour of the fruit, and, in frustration, he demanded of the sage "Tell me then, how would you describe it?" The sage picked up a mango and handed it to the king saying "This is very sweet. Try eating it!"

Hindu teaching story

Thanks to the Gilberts for sending this photo of Lade's waterfall in Highlands. Driving into Yea on Sunday was amazing. The Goulburn River was nearly at the top of the bank, a lot of water!



Prizes presented to some of the Children As Authors winners

Community What's On Calendar - September 2010

Fortnight beg 6th Sept	Terip Terip mowing roster Merv Penny Max & Joan Eddy
Week beg 12th-18th	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK ROSTER Richard Waugh Geoff Bond
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.
Saturday 11th September	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Paul Macgregor and Jocelyn Bennett, at Clearview Retreat, 404 Fairview Rd, Kerrisdale. Paul will give a demonstration of how to make spanakopita (feta cheese and silverbeet pie with filo pastry). Turn off the Goulburn Valley Hwy onto the King Parrot Creek Rd in the direction of Strath Creek. Fairview Rd is the first road on your right after you leave the Goulburn Valley Hwy. Contact 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au, for more information. Download map from www.clearviewretreat.org.au
Sunday 12th	Terip/Ruffy Uniting Church meets in Holy Communion.
Sunday 12th September	Sustainable Water Day: Getting to know your local creeks Guest Speaker Ian Rutherford, Office of Water DSE on River Health. We will be visiting a number of sites to look at works that have been completed along local Merton creeks. Bring sturdy footwear. Time: 10:30 Place: Merton Memorial Hall Lunch provided at 12:30 RSVP to assist with catering by 6th Sept Robyn Rattray-Wood 57789540 Lynda Heard 57789583
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. Charlie Sexton Landcare Project Officer Ph: (03) 5761 1560 Email: landcare1@inet.net.au
Wednesday 15th September,	FREE SOIL SEMINAR Hear up to date information on the latest techniques for soil health improvements from leading experts in the industry . Meet with Western Composting Technology representatives to learn more about their processing technology and range of composted products. View demonstrations from the region's new compost spreader which will be in action on the day. This seminar will demonstrate the needs and opportunities for recycled organic usage in the broad acre and intensive agriculture sectors 9.50am-2.45pm Kyabram Fauna Park Lake Road Kyabram Lunch Provided For further information on the day contact Andrea Montgomery on 0447 321 140 or Rhonda Day on 0429 968 917
Saturday 18 September	PLANT LOCAL, PLANT INDIGENOUS WORKSHOP INVITATION 11am-3pm EUROA ARBORETUM 76 Old Hume Highway Euroa ENJOY a FREE presentation by landscape designer ROB HALL, a delicious lunch and a tour of the Arboretum WIN one of 25 indigenous plant vouchers sponsored by the Goulburn Broken CMAA. A plant sale will be held at the Arboretum on the day, offering a great opportunity to enhance your garden with local plants at very little cost. RSVP Cathy Koning on 57346357 or cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au for catering purposes Website www.sustainable-communities.com.au
Saturday 18th September	Honeysuckle Creek revegetation 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The Honeysuckle Creek through Violet Town has been the subject of a community driven and operated restoration project (Honeysuckle Recreational Environment Project) since 2002. View the works already carried out, and take this opportunity to be part of this wonderful project, by helping us to plant some indigenous grasses and lilies. Bring sturdy shoes, hat, gloves, water. Cuppa and afternoon tea supplied. Further information: contact Lance Williams ph. 57633310
Sunday, 19th September	From Blackberries to Bobucks 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon This will be a walk and talk led by Angus and Jenny Martin on the Martin's 14 ha property of Swampy Riparian Woodland and Herb-rich Foothill Forest at Marraweeny in the Strathbogies. Start with a cuppa and biscuits (supplied), and then view the wonderful restoration and habitat enhancement work that's been done on this lovely bush block, and learn something about the wild-life, particularly the Bobucks (Mountain Brushtail Possums), that live here. Wonganookah Track (off the Bonnie Doon Rd), Marraweeny (VicRoads 47 D5) Info and RSVP by 15th September (limit of 20 people): Angus Martin 9882 3280 or biotica@bigpond.com

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Crane's bill (*Geranium potentilloides*)

This native geranium is a straggly ground-cover herb, quite unlike its bushy garden relative. The flower shape is similar – 5 roughly even petals, but much smaller and paler - about 1cm across and a delicate pink. The leaves are roundish but with 5 or so deep indentations. Don't confuse them with pennyworts (*hydrocotyle*), which also have roundish leaves but with scalloped edges rather than deep indentations.



AUSTRALIAN PLANT EXPO 2010

Saturday & Sunday 11 & 12 September
Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. (Mel 21, J.6)

Native landscaping, bush food, wildlife, native flower show. Plant and book sales, art, other gift and product stalls. Speaker program. Activities for children. Wheelchair friendly. Ample parking. Organized by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Inc. \$5 Adults, \$4 Concessions, Children free.

Info. <<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~apsyarrayarra>> Jill 9439 7228.

HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA NOTICE

Highlands/Caveat CFA has Class A Foam training on the Sunday 26th Sept from 10am to 12pm at the CFA shed in Highlands. All members who wish to attend please contact either Sharyn Shaw 57904297 or Peter Roberts 57969301 asap (must have 12 members to run course)

TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB

The new summer season is fast approaching and we would love to see some new (and old) faces playing for Terip Terip!

If you are interested in playing, either permanently or as a fill in, please call Cindy Hayes for more details 57904226.

THAT'S LIFE

A group of 40 year-old buddies got together and discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Gasthof zum Lowen restaurant because of the gorgeous waitresses.

Ten years later, at 50 years of age, the group met and again discussed where they should have a reunion dinner. Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Gasthof zum Lowen because the food there was very good and the wine selection was also excellent.

Ten years later, at 60 years of age, the group met again, and once again discussed having a reunion dinner. Finally it was agreed they would meet at the Gasthof zum Lowen because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant was 'smoke-free'.

Ten years later, at 70 years of age, the group met again and discussed where they would have the reunion dinner. Finally it was agreed they would meet at the Gasthof zum Lowen because the restaurant was wheel-chair accessible and even had an elevator.

Ten years later, at 80 years of age, the group met again, and once again they discussed having a reunion dinner. Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Gasthof zum Lowen because they had heard it was a great place to eat and they had never been there before.

Thanks to Andy Wilson, Ruffy, for sending this in.

LOCUSTS LOOK OUT

Locals are being asked to be vigilant when it comes to reporting locusts.

The Department of Primary Industries has developed an interactive map that provides extensive information on locust movements and sightings.

"DPI scientists have determined the areas of greatest egg bed concentration are in the North, North Western, and Central parts of Victoria. The department is concentrating its efforts on reducing as much as possible the number of plague locusts that survive to full maturity.

"Their aim is to reduce the threat of plague locusts this spring and summer because once plague locusts reach maturity they are able to travel long distances including southern Victoria, however at that stage, it is much more difficult to undertake effective spraying.

To access the reporting maps, locust identification and up to date information go to: www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts or call the DPI Locust Hotline 1300 13 5559.

IS THAT PLANT POISONOUS?

An Australian field guide for livestock, pets and people' by R.C.H. Shepherd
This book covers the large number of plants found on farms and bush blocks, along roadsides, in waste places and as weeds in gardens. It includes hundreds of colour photographs to aid identification and information about who the plant is poisonous to (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, domestic pets, humans), which parts of the plant are poisonous and the toxins likely to be encountered, as well as symptoms of poisoning. Symptoms are also listed according to plant species and animal in a comprehensive appendix.

Its publication is supported by the Council of Australasian Weed Societies, Weed Society of Victoria, The Weed Society of New South Wales and The Weed Society of Western Australia.

For more information and ordering, please visit the website <<http://www.weedinfo.com.au>> or ring 5286 1533

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME HOTLINE

To report wildlife, forestry and exotic animal crime or any suspicious activity to DSE's compliance team phone – 13 6186.

FAREWELL TO SUE AND TREVOR PETERSON

Sue & Trevor will be sadly missed in the Highlands/Caveat community when they move to their new home in Venus Bay. Come along on Friday 24th September at 6.30pm at 'Kadumbla' Stuart & Judy's home & help us give them a great farewell. Bring food & drinks to share. For more information phone 5796 9358.

WHITEHEAD'S CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

The Fifth Kulaba Picnic on Sunday October 3rd, 2010 at 12 noon at Kulaba West, 935 Highlands Road, Whitehead's Creek

Bring Back the Birds site. Inspect the revegetation projects, and count the birds that have returned.

Eat lunch, catch up with people, enjoy the first good spring in more than a decade.

Call Carolyn 57924212 or Eileen 57923693

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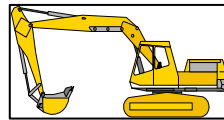
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