



PEOPLE AND PLACES

BURMA PART TWO BY CANDI WESTNEY

We fly to Bagan ... Burma's Ankor Wat, a once golden city visited by Marco Polo ... cross the Shan plateau where the red soils and barefoot farmers, walking behind bullocks and wooden ploughs, produce much of the country's food.



We spend a day in long boats on the endless Inle Lake watching fishermen with their conical nets ... and slide past the floating gardens that feed thousands of people and visit boat-makers, silk-weavers and jewellery-makers and villages on bamboo stilts ... a black storm approaching as we motor back at the day's end. With all of us having a connection with the land, this adventure is sensational.



We spend a few more days with the children who are enjoying the treats, books, games and art activities we share with them. I watch as Michael shows one boy, a gifted drawer, the secrets of perspective ... as Paula and Alan read stories, and Maxine and Bea make Play Doh ... and the children surprise us with their creations.



The children pile on top of anyone willing to read to them they sing with gusto and dance with their shy, farmer visitors.

We cook, read books, plant trees and build some tables for the small children ... and wonder at their resilience ... and the kindness and dedication of those who have built the homes and have chosen to look after and educate the children.

So why Burma?

To bear witness ... to see for myself? To travel in a country I would otherwise not go to? Perhaps it's just that this is where the opportunity presented itself ... an opportunity, in a tiny way, to be a part of something positive.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 31

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

If you want to contact Bungle Boori about the Working Dog and Stock Handling school in early December. The 3 day school is run by Neil McDonald from Sherwood Kelpies, S A. (www.neilmcdonald.com.au). the correct email address is: bungle-boori@bluemaxx.com.au.

Farewell Deb Garrett - you will be both missed and remembered.
Friends and neighbours along the Old Highlands Rd.

ORDERING SEEDS FOR 2011

It is that time of year to think about and order what is required for any revegetation projects for 2011. Please order all seed requirements by November 2010 to allow for the summer collection period. The best results are achieved by forward planning.

Where possible:

* Let your local nurseries know what is required for planting so they can have the correct EVC, provenance, species and numbers required for next year.

* Any direct seeding orders for 2011 should be pre-ordered through the Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank (Ph. 5833 9279) prior to November 2010. If seed is not ordered at this time, we cannot guarantee available seed for your 2011 project. From Jim Begley

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Mad Hatter's play
'THE CHRONICLES OF KENNETH'
Ring Pauline PH 57969301.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Coles Vouchers: Thank you to the families who continue to collect the Coles Sports vouchers. Our collection is growing. I think the program stops on Friday 5th November, so if you are shopping at Coles prior to that please consider donating the vouchers to HPS.

Music Therapy: HPS students are very lucky to have access to a Music Therapy program over the next 4 weeks. Music Therapy is defined as being the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and well being. Students will work in 2 groups, for about an hour, each Friday with our Music Therapist Freya. Freya will introduce students to different types of music, teach songs and maybe even assist students with writing of their own songs. Music Therapy started today and it looks like it will be a lot of fun!

ELF Reading Day: Don't forget ELF Reading Day is on next Thursday 14th October! Students will travel to Yea to join with others schools to participate in a parade, street reading and a story telling session. All ages are welcome to come and join in.

Aussie of the Month : Congratulations to Will Clarke for receiving the Aussie of the Month for his excellent reading.



We had a terrific day on the last day of last term celebrating Footy Day. Thank you to Elliot Lade who came along and helped out and umpired a game of footy.



Community What's On Calendar - October /November 2010

Fortnight beg 18th Oct	Terip Terip mowing roster Jim and Jill Davidson John and Lu Craven Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
Week beg 17th October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Geoff Halpin Doug McLarty
Tuesday 12th October	Wildflower Walk :10.30am at Wallaby Gully Flora Reserve ,Upton Rd , Longwood East (on the Ruffy side of John McGregors chook farm - opposite Elgo Winery) Burnt Creek Landcare Group is hosting a walk into Wal-laby Gully Flora Reserve followed by a BBQ at lunch at the Avenel Maze and a tour of some wonderful Avenel grasslands . Lots of local wildflower experts present to help with plant ID . Spectacular wildflowers this spring . Contact Janet Hagen 57 904268
Thursday 14th October	How Healthy Is Your Soil? Composting For Farms Seminar This seminar will demonstrate the needs and opportunities for recycled organic usage in the broadacre and intensive agriculture sectors 10.30am-3.00pm Wallan Multipurpose Community Centre 42 Bentinck Street Wallan For further information on the day contact Cathy Koning on 5734 6357 or cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
Friday 15th October	'Making Waves Unplugged' are returning for the evening. Katherine is a well accomplished singer and if we are lucky {or not} Graydon may dazzle us with a song or 2 also. Time- 7pm till 11pm. Both functions are \$25 per ticket which includes finger food, entertainment and entry into door prize which is \$100 voucher for our store. Drinks are available at bar prices. Bookings and payments are essential. Please call 03 57 962 469 or visit our website www.wbgadd.com
Friday 15th October	Managing Threatened Woodlands in a Farming Landscape Field Day When: (9:30am- 2:30pm) Where: Miepoll Hall, Violet Town- Murchison Road, CFA Map 292, approximately 20kms west of Violet Town, 23kms east of Murchison (morning session), Bush Stone Curlew site, for lunch, book launch and tour, afternoon ses-sion). Lunch Provided RSVP by: Wednesday 13th Contact Jim Begley on 57611574 or email: jimb@gbcma.vic.gov.au
Saturday 16th October	A BLACK DINNER at the Ruffy Store. 7.30pm, with Habbies Howe beef on the menu! \$66 inc. GST, ex. Drinks Dress: Black RSVP The Ruffy Store 57 904387 (limited spaces available) Helen, Doug, and Nigel from the Ruffy Store and Scott and Julia McKay from Habbies Howe have a new ven-ture. Scott and Julia have been interested for some time in taking their well-respected black Angus Cattle to the local market rather than to the export market and Helen, Doug, and Nigel from the Ruffy Store have always had a desire to buy locally to insure good quality, traceable products. Test the terrific results for yourself.
Thursday 21st October	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative meeting. 8pm Caveat Church. All welcome so please come and contribute to your community, we need you!!
Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd October	The MAD HATTERS are proud to present, ' THE CHRONICLES OF KENNETH ', the continuing saga of Sir Kenneth Montague-Smythe, his family and friends. We can promise you laughs, songs, romance, intrigue, treachery, crimes of fashion, pirates, and a fearsome dragon, not to men-tion quite a lot of rats and ferrets. Fun for all the family! Performances to be held at the Highlands Hall, at 7:30pm . Ticket details to be announced. For further information, contact: Pauline Roberts ph.57969301 or Susan Bennett ph.57904333.
Friday 22nd October	An Introduction to Pasture Cropping with Colin Seis Pioneer of the Pasture Cropping technique. Steers' woolshed "Clear Creek", 377 Nagambie Road, Avenel. 9:30-2:30pm RSVP by Monday 18 October. A BBQ lunch will be provided Contact: Jacci Campbell, 5828 9274 or office@campbellfarms.com.au
Saturday 23rd October	WATERWISE GARDENING with Kevin Walsh 1pm - 4pm A Sustainable Communities Program (www.sustainable-communities.com.au) seminar to be held at the Seymour Customer Service Centre, 28 High St, Seymour (the former state government offices). Please advise of your attendance to Cathy Koning 5734 6357 and cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
Sunday 24th	Terip/Ruffy Uniting Church Worship 11.15am
Monday 25th October	GARDENERS!! AUSTRALIAN PLANT & BUSH LOVERS!! 7.30pm 2010 YEA COUNCIL CHAMBERS HALL. The Australian Plant Society Murrindindi is pleased to invite all keen garden and plant lovers to a presentation
Saturday 30th October	White Hart Hotel Salty Dog - bring your dancing shoes for our cup weekend special T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Sunday 31st October	Highland Ramblers walk. 10.30 am at Highlands hall. Return by 3pm. Ring Andrew for more details PH 57904297
Tuesday 2nd November	Terip Terip Annual Cup Day Chicken and Champagne Lunch. Come along and join the fun at the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve on Cup Day For further details and bookings please ring either Helen McKenzie 5790 4211 or Kate Wright 5790 4148.
Thursday 4th November	Lions Club Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit Invites you to our Annual Oaks Day Luncheon at Seymour Race Club Admission \$22.00 (tables of 10) Drinks available at the Bar (NO B.Y.O.) Door Prizes Raffles Mystery Draws Best Dressed Best Hat Sassy Shoes Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall Seymour NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

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Highlands Hall & CFA Building

Precinct Upgrade: Murrindindi Shire Council has allocated funds from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to precinct upgrading works in the vicinity of the Highlands Hall and CFA Building. Please come to public meeting at 10am on 20 October 2010 at the Hall to discuss and help develop this community project.

From Judy Reid

North-East Vic. Master Tree Grower Course

Oct/Nov 2010 Do you want to grow trees for conservation and profit? For shelter, saw logs, carbon sequestration, biodiversity, soil conservation, beautification, firewood, seed, fodder, bush foods, salinity control or any other value. The Australian Master Tree Grower is an 8-day, field based, course for landholders interested in planting and managing trees for conservation and profit. This course will be run in North-East Victoria for local farmers. The course is jointly supported by FFORNE AFG Branch and MTG Inc. Both are not-for-profit groups aimed at helping landholders establish and manage trees on their land for both conservation and profit.

Rowan Reid Mob: 0409609939;
rowan.reid@agroforestry.net.au

CALLING for EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority wishes to notify landowners in the Strathbogies Ranges of a new incentive program called Wetland Tender – Strathbogies Ranges, which offers landholders a financial payment to manage wetlands (spring soaks, bogs and peatlands) in the Strathbogies Ranges. This tender offers a great opportunity to enhance these unique wetlands AND get paid for it! To obtain an information kit, including an expression of interest form, please contact Jenny Wilson on (03) 5820 1115 or see www.gbcma.vic.gov.au.

HELLO GN READERS...

I am sure that all of you have one of the following scenes on your property...



Either a collection of dead and dying trees after many years of diminished water (drought)...Or A collection of fallen over trees after weeks (almost months now) of wet weather and wind...



I think this would be a great opportunity for members of the community to be apart of some sort of program where tree tubes/seedling stock can be supplied at a reduced cost. If you are involved in, or would like to be involved in such a program, please contact reneedrysdale@bigpond.com, with TREE REPLACEMENT in the subject line (so I don't think I'm getting junk mail) and I shall pass any names onto who ever I can find who has the right contacts whether it be through land care or others.

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www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Yea & District Memorial Hospital – phone 5736 0410

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Common Hovea (*Hovea linearis*)

This little purple pea-flower is in bloom at the moment. It's a tiny ground-cover shrub with very thin leaves. If the paler flower colour doesn't distinguish it from the brilliant purple of the hardenbergia, the much thinner leaf shape should. But watch out for twining glycine, a small creeper which also has pale purple pea flowers and thin leaves. However its leaves are always in threes which the hoveas aren't.



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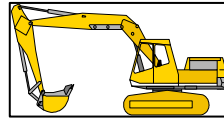
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