



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

*"Terip hills alive with music"*

On Sat 26th Feb we were invited to Teripstock 2011, along with approx 200 other fortunate people.

On arrival, host Annabel Hawkins greeted guests in the garden among stunning trees and shrubs. A titanic of a marquee had been erected over the tennis court and was dressed with tables and chairs to seat everyone. The meal was a treat to all, an amazing array of meats, cheeses and salads.

After the main course, Annabel introduced the first of her chosen entertainers, Rohan Powell from SA who delighted everyone with his voice and skill on the guitar, singing his own creations and some old favorites of Johnny Cash's.

Next to entertain the gathering was Craig Werth from USA. Craig is currently touring Australia. With extraordinary multi instrumental ability he amazed the guests singing and playing different instruments.

As if we haven't eaten enough already, super arrived a 9.30pm, a huge verity of cakes and slices, cheese and biscuits were served.

Over super guests took the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbors, this in itself produced high volume sound.

Preceding super, Annabel took the microphone again and introduced David Francey from Canada and Kieran and Lucas Kane from USA. These three gifted guys played a variety of instruments and sang their own work. We especially enjoyed the song written specifically for Annabel and the occasion "Miss Annabel Hawkins and I went a walking".

It was a special night for Annabel who was celebrating her 50th birthday and wow what a party it was. Happy birthday was sung and some official birthday words were spoken, Annabel thanking her family and friends for their support in making the night a remarkable success.

On behalf of us all, thank you Annabel for allowing us to share the tremendous night with you. By Helen McKenzie

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Caveat Community, I would like to thank Graham Gillson for the lovely stand that he crafted for the Caveat Church, to house the large, old Bible. His work is very much appreciated. Thank you, Graham, Jan Sporry.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week

John: For fulfilling his role as JSC President with efficiency, fairness and confidence. Well done!



### Recognition Ceremony:

We are currently organizing a Recognition Ceremony with BER and Mr Rob Mitchell MP to open our new building. It will be held on Wednesday 18th May at 10.30am with a morning tea to follow. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in attending. It will be a great opportunity for members of the Highlands community, past and present, to help us celebrate to opening of the new building.

### Wanted:

Fine bone china tea cups for an art project students will be completing later this term. Often you see similar tea cups really cheap, in op shops, if you do please consider purchasing for us.

### Yea Junior Football Netball Registration Night

10th March 3.30pm-5.30pm  
Yea Recreation Reserve Netball Rooms. Football and Netball will be offered for Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s All players must be financial members of the club. Under 18 - \$70 Adult Single - \$100 Family - \$120 + \$20 per playing member For further details contact Tom O'Dwyer 0407366643



Our new sports equipment shed is starting at last!

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 6

Please send articles to [miranda@omnipotent.com.au](mailto:miranda@omnipotent.com.au) or ring on 57969261

## LOCALS SIGNING UP AS ORGAN DONORS

Federal Labor Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell MP today welcomed statistics that showed Victoria has the third highest number of registered organ donors of any state in Australia. Mr Mitchell an organ donor himself said almost 800,000 people living in Victoria over the age of 15 had registered their intention to be an organ and tissue donor with the Australian Organ Donor Register.

Registration numbers- by local government areas.

Hume 14,036 10.54%  
Macedon Ranges 7,671 22.37%  
Mitchell Shire 5,242 21.68%  
Murrindindi 2,970 25.04%  
Nillumbik 13,545 25.67%  
Whittlesea 12,444 10.76%  
Yarra Ranges 26,844 22.12%

Mr. Mitchell said people can lodge or update their decision on the register by visiting [www.donorregister.gov.au](http://www.donorregister.gov.au), a Medicare office, or calling 1800 777 203.

Around 1,7000 people remain on national transplant waiting lists at any one time.

## BURNING OFF RULES

The CFA Fire Danger Period will end across Murrindindi Shire on Monday 7 March and Council has put in place an amnesty so people can get their properties cleaned up following the significant summer rains.



The amnesty period will commence 12 March and continue through to 28 March. After that time people will need a permit to burn in residential areas.

Landholders will still need a permit if they want to burn windrows.

For further information please contact your local Fire Brigade or Andrew Daly at Council's Alexandra office on 5772 0333 or mobile 0408 576 712.

For those people who do not want to burn, Council is providing free green waste disposal at all Resource Recovery Centres from 2 April through to 1 May (conditions apply). For further information, please contact Council Offices during business hours on 03 5772 0333 or visit Council's website at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MARCH 2011

Week beg 14th March	<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b> Craig and Jenny Murphy Brian & Gail Van Rooyen Around clubhouse and all four courts
Week beg 13th March	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK</b> Glenn Christensen Anthony Wallis
Week beg 13th March	<b>RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER</b> George Noye (Ph) 57 904 246 (Mob) 0432 928 301 (UHF Ch) 15
Continues to 27th March	<b>WildArt @ Old Post Office Seymour</b> 30 painters and sculptors creations on exhibition. Wed to Sun 11am to 4pm & Wed to Sat 6pm – 9.30pm. Browsing welcome. Free entry. 50 Emily St (Old Hume Hwy) Seymour 5792-3170 <a href="http://www.artseymour.com.au">www.artseymour.com.au</a>
Friday 11th March	<b>'Drinks on the Deck'</b> 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. "Don't forget the Aerogard!!".
Monday 14th March	<b>Seymour Labour Day Market</b> , Goulburn Park. 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. Run by Seymour-Goulburn Lions Club and Seymour Apex Club. Includes the Great Duck Race at 1.30pm run by Eastern Hill Cricket Club. Carnival activities for the Children, Musical entertainment, Food and drink stalls, Books, clothes, plants, bric a brac, hardware and lots more. Purchase lunch, grab a bargain, watch your duck win, and enjoy music in the Park. Gate entry \$2, Under 16 Free. Site bookings: Betty: 5796-9295
Wednesday 23rd March	<b>Murrindindi Shire Council Meeting</b> Yea Chambers
Sunday 24th March 4.30pm  White Hart Hotel 63 Hill St Longwood	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rick Steward</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roots, rock &amp; acoustic style music from this multi-instrumental one man band genius.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd April 4.30pm  57985203</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Bona Fide Travellers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">An eclectic mix of country, hillbilly, Cajun, Tex-Mex, cowboy and acoustic blues.</p> 
Monday 25th March	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349  Acoustica – lunchtime library music concert with Adam Denis 12.30 – 1.30 NEW- Ukulele Heaven BYO ukulele everyone welcome - FUN, FUN, FUN 6 - 8
Saturday 26th March & Sat 2nd April	<b>Environmental Farm Planning</b> Two day workshop 10am – 4pm Broadford Council Chambers 113 High St Broadford To register for workshops and for more information contact Cathy Koning, Sustainable Communities Coordinator on (03) 5734 6357, via email <a href="mailto:cathyk@mitschellshire.vic.gov.au">cathyk@mitschellshire.vic.gov.au</a> or visit <a href="http://www.sustainable-communities.com.au">www.sustainable-communities.com.au</a> RSVP is required for catering purposes. Come along and be inspired.
Sunday 27th	<b>Highlands Ramblers</b> starts again. Ring Andrew for more details 57904297 0427969297
Saturday 9th April	<b>Vasili</b> at the Violet Town Market 9am – 3pm Violet Town Market Tulip St Violet Town
Saturday 16th April	<b>Sustainable House Tour</b> Presented by BEAM Mitchell Environment Group 10am – 3pm Various locations
3rd & 4th May	There is a <b>Cattle Pregnancy Testing Course</b> being offered @ 141 Monkey Creek Road, Limestone 3717. Contact person is Judy Brookes <a href="mailto:juncball@pigpond.com">juncball@pigpond.com</a> or phone 5795 2563.

### Balancing Love & Discipline

### A Parenting Program

The program is run by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for more options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home. This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone. It is not necessary to attend all nights, if you miss one or two, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up. Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include: Good communication, Teaching life skills, Issues of discipline, What is normal for kids? Confronting unacceptable behavior, How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset, The course would run in the evening, one night a week for eight weeks. Dates: Every Tuesday from May 3 until June 28 Time: 7.00pm -9.30pm. Venue: Seymour College - Grant St Campus (formally Seymour Primary) In order for the course to go ahead we need to confirm enough participants for the program. Please phone Familycare office during office hours to register your interest. Ph 1300 854 944

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## TRAVEL THE WORLD AND THROUGH TIME AT RUFFY

Having already saved you the return airfare from Melbourne to Paris, the series now turns its attention to Northern Ireland and the very funny tale of "Fall of the Roman Empire". This one man play is written and performed by Dennis Coard, TV Star of 'Home & Away' & 'Blue Heelers'. It is a beautifully tender and humorous autobiographical performance depicting Dennis' early life in Ireland, emigration to Australia and his young adulthood as a Telstra Technician before "throwing away a good career" to go to drama school at the age of 35. Be prepared to laugh until your jaw aches. In the opinion of Melanie Beddie, director, Melbourne Theatre Company, "This is a show not to be missed, tremendous humour balanced by pathos, a remarkable piece from a versatile performer". Adding even more European influence to the evening is Edvardo the performing waiter who will welcome guests at the start of the show. With warmth, humour and his unique talent for spontaneous song, Edvardo is full of delightful surprises. Comments and stories from the audience are playfully woven into song. The result is sometimes comic, sometimes serious but always fun.

This season of shows is managed by the touring company "Just Shows To Go" and will tour to fifteen regional Victorian towns, including Ruffy. It is supported by the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria and the Community Support Fund and presented locally by RuffArtZ a committee of local dedicated volunteers who positively contribute to achieving as much cultural access and diversity in the community as possible. You can taste the fruits of their labour by purchasing your Discounted Season of Saturdays 2011 tickets which are on sale now from Glen on 5790 4318. It is a guaranteed way of ensuring a Happy New Year.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I thought you would like to know that we have had 7 lambs stolen from Brigadoon probably about 3 weeks ago. Bernie Shaw noticed them missing about a week ago and will be informing the Yea police.

Our most likely conclusions are that it is probably some one who knows the area well but if you would like more details Bernie Shaw is the best contact on Ph.57904256.

I know Granite News is not a crime report but it could be useful to warn Highlanders as the thieves may become more blatant!!! Kind regards Colin

## MURRINDINDI COUNCILLOR COMMENT

**Cr Sally Abbott-Smith,  
Cheviot Ward**

March is Murrindindi's ferals month

It is the legal responsibility for all landowner to eradicate foxes and rabbits on their properties.

### Fox Baiting

As foxes are an extremely mobile pest and cover large areas in search of food, control programs are rarely effective if carried out in isolation. A group of farmers working together in a simultaneous and coordinated manner are far more likely to achieve a long term impact on fox numbers. Contact your Local Landcare group to become involved with a co-ordinated program.

The timing of poisoning programs may vary from one area to another, but it is generally considered beneficial to poison twice a year, once in autumn, this baiting is when cubs (inexperienced) are dispersing to find new territory and again in winter during the reproductive phase.

Poisoning foxes prior to lambing will significantly increase the percentage of lambs surviving and this benefit alone should encourage more landholders to participate in a program. While such a program may be primarily undertaken for economic reasons, the benefits for our native wildlife are also considerable.

The winter program targets the fox breeding season, reducing the number of breeding females and their potential for realised offspring. By poisoning twice a year, it is possible to achieve a long term reduction in fox numbers, as opposed to the autumn only approach, which is really only a means of reducing fox numbers in the short term to protect livestock.

## HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BUSHFIRE RISK? CFA can help you to assess your property's risk, and provide advice to develop your Bushfire Survival Plan and guidance to make your home bushfire ready.

This service is free

CFA also provides local sessions to help you: Prepare. Act. Survive  
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A local Fire Ready Victoria meeting  
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A neighborhood Community Fireguard Group. For further details please phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800240667 or ring Sarah Bussell, Bookings Coordinator 57214122 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays go to [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) Know what you need to do before the next fire season.

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### Bluebells

### Wahlenbergia

There are several species of native bluebells found locally, growing in clusters by roadsides and in the shade of the bush. The 5-petalled flowers bloom over summer and are from pale to bright blue or purple. The plant is a herb with short thin leaves and a generally wispy appearance, generally up to .5 metre for most species but a bit higher for the tall bluebell (*Wahlenbergia stricta*).

By Louise Currie



## IMPACTS OF VEGETATION AND LARGE WOOD ON FLOODING

This is an extract from a statement prepared by Alluvium for Wimmera CMA: Alluvium is a consultancy group that specializes in applying science-based, technical approaches to develop robust, practical solutions on catchment and water-related environmental issues. They provide expert advice to both government and corporate bodies throughout Australia.

'Recent work undertaken by hydrologist, Dr Brett Anderson, found that large wood and vegetation distributed throughout a stream system, from headwaters to the outlet, reduced flood peaks. Dr Brett Anderson found that the slight reductions in velocity of flow in stream systems associated with vegetation and large wood had a beneficial impact on downstream flood levels by slowing up the pace and size of a flood peak.

In contrast, past programs that sought to remove large wood and vegetation from stream systems would have a negligible impact on the depth and extent of major floods and if undertaken through the entire length of a stream system would increase flood occurrence in the downstream reaches.'

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