



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

*When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe. -John Muir, naturalist, explorer, and writer (1838-1914)*

*I read this quote the other day. Today I went out to check when the cockatoos that are attracted in droves to the horse paddocks next door started their usual morning wheeling and screeching, and there sure enough was our eagle. I say he's ours but he really he's his own bird. There is a huge nest not far from here. He and his partner roam as far as the Tallarook Range and the Light Horse Park is a regular part of their beat. While rabbits must form a large part of their diet at the moment, I think Cockatoos are also high on the menu. They will also catch goannas.*

*This place used to be known for its goanna, I've been told. The nearest goannas I know of now are at Hughes Creek, and the Mangalore Flora Reserve. Their part of the chain is that the eggs of cockatoos used to be a major source of their diet. I try to leave hollow logs on the ground in the faint hope I am providing habitat for them and other reptiles. Sugar gliders, phascogales and antechinus also need hollows and will use fallen trees with hollows if nothing else can be found.*

*There used to be Curlews around here, I heard one myself ten or fifteen years ago, but none lately. They need short grass, fallen timber to hide in, and above all good fox control.*

*It is a wonderful thing that these animals still inhabit our part of the world, and we can leave little pockets of habitat for them to hang on in, into the future, and assist them by controlling the foxes.*

Lesley Dalziel



## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Daniel : For consistent home reading that is assisting with his comprehension and writing. Well done!



**Molesworth Easter Bazaar:** The hot-dog selling at last Saturday's bazaar was a huge success and over 600 hot-dogs were sold in the 6 hours. Thanks to Sharyn Shaw and Greg Philpot who co-ordinated this event and to the numerous people who assisted throughout the day- Michael and Kassie Shaw, Heidi Neicho, Marisa Gorry, Tim and Cindy Hayes.

We certainly appreciate them giving up their time on Easter Saturday because without their help we wouldn't be able to man the stall and receive the donation we do.

**Auskick:** Just a reminder that Auskick has started. It is on Saturdays, 9.30am -11am at Yea Rec. I have been speaking to David Lucas and he is keen to see lots of HPS students come along and have a go at Auskick. If you haven't registered you can contact David on 0432191432 or just turn up on Saturday morning.

**Cross Country:** Yesterday I had the pleasure of taking some senior students to Eildon for Cross Country, they are to be congratulated on the way they participated and represented HPS.

Well done to John, Kendall, Lachi F, Lachie W and Kaylam who all run hard and completed the 1.5 or 2.5 km track. Special congratulations to Lachi F who came first in the grade 3 age group. A huge thank you to Lisa Follett who transported students to Eildon and assisted on the day.

**Term 2 Unit of Study:** This week we introduced our term 2 unit of study Australia 1788-1888 in both the junior and senior rooms. It was fantastic to hear how much students already know.

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 11

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

Thanks to Jill Davidson for this fabulous poem.

### Could You Just Listen?

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving me advice, you have not heard what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way, you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

Listen! All I asked was that you listen, not to talk or do - just hear me!

I can do for myself; I'm not helpless - maybe discouraged and faltering, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself, you contribute to my fear and inadequacy.

But when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel what I feel, no matter how irrational, then I can stop trying to convince you and get about this business of understanding what's behind this irrational feeling. When that's clear, the answers are obvious and I don't need advice.

And if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn and I'll listen to you.

Anon

On April 3rd the 50th Anniversary of the Rediscovery of Leadbeater's Possum was held at Melbourne Museum. For those of you who couldn't make it I am attaching a link to the short film about the rediscovery (5mins), which features, for the first time, the story of the rediscovery in Eric Wilkinson's own voice.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkZP5RZGnk>

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## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MAY 2011

Week beg 9th May	<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b> Ken & Robyn Richards The Listers Carpark and all four courts
Week beg 8th May	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK</b> Ashley Waite John Dalziel
30th April to 29th May	 <p>Gallery 34 Invites you to a joint exhibition by Patricia Heaslip &amp; Karen Pirie  <b>LANDSCAPE JEWELS</b>            34 High Street, Yea Thursday to Saturday 9-4 Sundays &amp; Public Holidays 10-4            Olivia Lawson Ph 03 5797 3222  <a href="mailto:info@gallery34.com.au">info@gallery34.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.gallery34.com.au">www.gallery34.com.au</a> Paintings, prints &amp; sculpture</p>
Thursday 5th May	<b>Ruffy Community Action Group</b> – Ruffy Hall, 7.30 pm. This meeting we will give an update on progress with projects currently under way and discuss projects for the next financial year. Everybody interested in community activities and planning for Ruffy is invited to the meeting!
7th and 8th May	<b>Euroa Community Cinema</b> Bury Street, Euroa Tickets : Only \$9 “The Adjustment Bureau” 105 Minutes (M) Adventure / Drama 3.5 stars Matt Damon plays the role of David Norris, an up and coming politician who misses out on winning endorsement when a newspaper reveals a minor issue from his past. While mulling over his speech accepting defeat, he meets Elise played by Emily Blunt. Strange forces intervene to prevent their relationship developing further ~ these are the men from the Adjustment Bureau who somehow control the world and who have other plans for David.
Saturday 7th May	<b>Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society On Farm Soils and Carbon Workshop</b> The Seymour Agricultural & Pastoral Society in association with the Department of Primary Industries and Landcare is staging a one day seminar/workshop on . Starting time is 9.30 am for morning tea, 10 o'clock for the first session. To be held at Worrourgh, 410 Greenslopes Rd. Seymour, the program will appeal to all producers who are dependent on healthy soils. Lunch is provided, so please advise of your attendance for catering purposes. PH 57970243 or <a href="mailto:johncmiller@bigpond.com">johncmiller@bigpond.com</a> to RSVP.
Saturday 7th May	<b>Yea Country Market</b> , 9am to 2pm (1st Saturday of each month) Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. Contact: 0409 130 587 or <a href="mailto:yeamarket@gmail.com">yeamarket@gmail.com</a>
Saturday 7th May	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 NEW- History Café share and learn local history over morning tea, 10-12 noon
Sunday 8th May	 <p><b>Real Gone Blues</b> at The White Hart Hotel 4.30pm 63 Hill Street, Longwood 3665            T-03-57985203 E- <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a> Bookings essential Return taxis–            Price per person \$10 Euroa/ Avenel / Longwood East            \$15 Nagambie \$20 Seymour/ Violet Town</p> <p>Free Entry</p>
8th - 31st May 2011.	Listed below are the details of Darren Gilbert 's exhibition with Leone Gabrielle and Karin Ryan @ Town and Country Gallery in Yarragon. He will have a wide selection of both artwork (pen and ink) and sculptures. <b>Enlightenment</b> The Environment > the Soul > the Naive. Meet the artists and opening Sunday 8th May, 1pm to 3pm. Town and Country Gallery. Open daily 10-5. 111 Princess Hwy Yarragon VIC. 03 5634 2229. <a href="http://www.townandcountrygallery.com.au">www.townandcountrygallery.com.au</a>
12th May	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome 10 am
14 and 15 May	<b>Euroa Community Cinema</b> Bury Street, Euroa Tickets : Only \$9 “Rabbit Hole” 91 minutes Drama 3.5 stars The Rabbit Hole is one of Nicole Kidman's best performances for which she was nominated for an Academy Award. Life for a happy couple is turned upside down after their young son dies in an accident. Based on a Pulitzer Prize winning play it is sad subject matter but brings with it such warmth and understanding that you will be drawn into this engaging story. Totally engrossing and emotive, it is about a parents worst nightmare. Very sensitive and touching. Also starring Diane Wiest and Aaron Eckhart.
Thursday 12th & 19th May,	<b>Environmental Farm Planning Course</b> (Over 2 separate days) Would you like to know more about sustainable farm and land management practice? Are you interested in reducing green house gas emissions through modified farm management practices? Environmental Best Management Practices (EBMP) Program is FREE to participants, and includes a copy of the EBMP workbook and software. (Please bring along your computer to download the programs). The EBMP program produces a priority action plan which is comparable to an introductory level Environmental Management System (EMS). The implementation of an EMS frame work can enhance the profitability and environmental performance of your farm through the planned allocation of resources according to priorities and capabilities. 9.30am to 2.30pm Lunch and morning tea provided on both days Raffety's Restaurant 55 Nunn Street, Benalla REGISTER BY: 2nd May 2011, for workbooks, software and catering FOR BOOKINGS: Kerri Robson, Landcare Support Officer on 0418 140 710 or <a href="mailto:landcare2@inet.net.au">landcare2@inet.net.au</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### Native raspberry *Rubus parvifolius*

If you spot a small scrawny blackberry plant, check carefully before destroying – it could be a native raspberry plant. This indigenous member of the berry family is fairly common in undergrowth in the Highlands district. It is smaller and with paler leaves than the introduced species. It has small pink flowers in spring and tiny red edible berries in summer.



## GREEN TOMATO PICKLES

6 LBS tomatoes, sliced  
2 LBS brown onions, sliced  
Sprinkle with salt, cover with water, leave overnight  
Boil until soft, then drain  
Add the following ingredients, mixed with vinegar into a paste  
1/2-1 cup plain flour ( will depend on the amount of liquid left)  
11/2 tablespoons dry mustard  
2-3 tablespoons turmeric  
1 teaspoon allspice  
11/2 teaspoons curry powder  
Bottle  
Enjoy, from Colleen (via Philip Wischer)

## MURRINDINDI COUNCIL THANKS VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week runs from 9-15 May and to celebrate the occasion a free movie screening of Black Swan will be held at the Alexandra Shire Hall on Wednesday 11 May from 1.30pm.

"It is a small way to say thank you to all those across our shire who give freely of their time in volunteering roles. I would encourage you to come together, enjoy the movie and afternoon tea as part of this very special time being National Volunteers Week." Volunteers wanting to attend the screening are asked to contact Council's Community Services team on 5772 0365 to rsvp

## HOW THE COMPOSTING & WORM FARM SUBSIDY WORKS

As part of the Sustainable Communities Program, Mitchell and Strathbogie Shire Councils are offering residents up to 50% subsidy on compost bins and worm farms purchased from May 1 to June 11, 2010. This subsidy provides an opportunity to become part of the wonderful world of composting or to learn about a new kind of small-scale farming – worm farming! Household waste in landfill emits powerful greenhouse gasses, especially methane. On a national level each year Australians generate 8.4 million tonnes a year in organic materials most of which could easily be composted. If every resident recycled their kitchen scraps and garden waste, the amount of material going to local refuse sites would reduce by a massive 46% by volume. It doesn't make sense to buy food just to throw it away in the bin, or fill up the rubbish bin with garden cuttings. Here is your chance to put a valuable resource to good use at a very low cost. Adding compost to your garden encourages strong plant growth and helps the soil retain water. Meanwhile, the worms are working tirelessly, turning your fruit and vegetable scraps into a marvelously rich soil conditioner. The by product of worm farms, known as 'worm tea,' and the worm castings are an excellent natural fertilizer. The participating retailers are Seymour Timber & Hardware, Broadford Timber & Hardware, Kilmore Mitre 10, Kilmore Home Timber & Hardware, Silkie Gardens Kilmore (Bokashi Bins) Wyndywood Worm Farm Kilmore (worm farms only), WB Hunter Euroa, True Value Hardware Euroa, Saville's Plumbing & Hardware Euroa and Violet Town Rural & Hardware. The Compost Bin and Worm Farm Subsidy will run for 6 weeks from May 1 or until vouchers have sold out. A voucher is required and will be available from the Mitchell and Strathbogie Shire websites, municipal libraries, customer service centres and from participating retailers. There is a limit of one compost bin or worm farm per household and actual worms are not covered by the subsidy. Purchase your compost bin or worm farm, have the voucher stamped by the retailer and send the voucher within seven days, with receipt attached, attention to: Cathy Koning Sustainable Communities Coordinator c/- Mitchell Shire Council 113 High Street Broadford 3658. The rebate will be reimbursed and is capped at \$25 for compost bins and \$50 for worm farms. Free composting workshops will be running in spring as part of the Sustainable Communities Program. email [cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)

## ANYONE KNOW WHO GROWS SANDALWOOD?!!

UK: Welsh University discovers way to reduce methane from cows  
12.Apr.11 Press Release: British High Commission  
<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1104/S00321/welsh-university-discovers-way-to-reduce-methane-from-cows.htm>  
Research carried out by academics from Aberystwyth University has resulted in a discovery which could lead both to an improvement in milk and meat production and to a significant reduction in methane emissions from cattle and sheep.  
The research team, led by Professor Jamie Newbold of Aberystwyth University, found that by adding sandalwood (or a sandalwood analogue) to animal feed the growth of pathogenic bacteria such as E.coli and Listeria in the rumen is reduced. As a consequence, energy which would otherwise be lost through the production of methane is diverted to increased milk and meat production. At the same time there was a significant reduction in the emission of methane, a greenhouse gas with 23 times the global warming potential of the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide. It is estimated that livestock produce 18% of all global greenhouse gas emissions, more than all forms of transport combined.  
Trials in a rumen simulating fermenter (Rusitec) confirmed that Javanol, a sandalwood analogue, reduced methane production by up to 25%. A reduction of 20% in methane emissions was achieved in field trials with sheep when 2ml of Javanol per day was added to their diet.  
This is an exciting discovery in two ways," said Dr Ahmed Ali. "Firstly, there would be benefits to the agricultural industry through increased milk and meat production: this increase in productivity would be set against a background of growing pressures on global food supply. Secondly, there could be a significant reduction in methane emissions."  
"Overall, the project is a good example of a University and an SME collaborating on cutting edge research. If this project and projects like this, can be commercialised in global markets, that has to be the way forward for the knowledge economy of Wales."  
Thanks to Susan Sleigh for sending this article.

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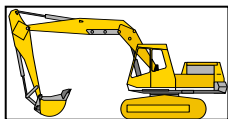


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