



PEOPLE AND PLACES

AIR CRASH AT SEYMOUR MILITARY CAMP

FEBRUARY 26, 1931

On February 26, 1931 a double wing Westland Wapiti plane was carrying out dive bombing practice at the Seymour Military Camp, now known as the Light Horse Park. The plane had flown up from Laverton piloted by Hiram Scoular and assisted by mechanic John Youm. They had made several passes diving towards a gun emplacement on the ground when on the last dive, a wing hit a tree and the plane crashed. The two men were killed. Recently the exact spot where the crash occurred was established. Metal detectors were used to find the spot where bits of burned aluminium were located in the ground.

Through research, it was discovered that one of the daughters of the mechanic John Youm was living in Melbourne. She was very surprised to find out that her father died at Seymour. She had always been under the impression that the plane had crashed at Laverton. Her name is Mary Eugene. She and her family have visited the site and have given a sizeable donation towards a plaque to place on a boulder to commemorate the event that changed their lives. Ironstone rocks for the memorial have been located and installed, and the RAAF is sending an honour guard and padre to conduct a suitable ceremony in memory of the airmen. Guest speaker will be the distinguished WWII airman, Peter Isaacson, AM, DFC, AFC, DFM.

Also in attendance will be Brigadier Mark Holmes, MVO, Commander LWDC, Puckapunyal, SQNLDR Mike Dance of RAAF Williams, and Member for Seymour, Cindy McLeish. The event is set for Friday 13th May at 2.00PM. Interested people are very welcome.

jldalziel@bordnet.com.au, or phone 57921848 if you would like to attend.



NOTES FROM

HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

James : For terrific home learning over the holidays. Well done!



COLOURED WORDS

Congratulations to Bridie who has completed all of her BLUE and GREEN words.

Congratulations to Jayden, Gabby and Jahna who have completed their GOLDEN words!

HAPPY HOME LEARNING AWARDS

SENIORS: John

JUNIORS: Jessica and Will

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

We are learning the National Anthem for this event, and we're sounding great! Andrew Shaw and Alistair Lade will share their stories of the history of HPS and Rob Mitchell will officially unveil the plaque.

We are hoping to have lots of parents, friends and community members in attendance. If you're attending can you please let us know for catering purposes. If you know of anyone else who requires an invitation please let me know. Thank you to Philips Wischer who has offered to make scones for the morning tea.

ART PROJECTS

The candle making was a big hit today. Thanks to Sharyn for all her hard work towards the activity and to all the helpers who came along and assisted. We really appreciate your time.

SCOUTS

Scouts will run in Yea on a Wednesday afternoon. Please contact Gene Campbell for more information on 0417013533.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 12

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

Another one from Jill, this is a bit lighter than last week, I laughed!

What is 710?

A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A blonde came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten.

We all looked at each other and another customer asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?"

She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one."

She replied that she did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had its hood up and asked "is there a 710 on this car?"

She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there."

If you're not sure what a 710 is, write 710 on a piece of paper & turn it upside down!



NEW SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE GRANTS

As part of their continuing partnership, Landcare Australia and Woolworths have launched the Woolworths Fresh Food Future program. As one element of this new program, Woolworths is providing \$150,000 of funding towards a grants program to help farming groups develop or implement sustainable farming practices.

Successful projects will support farmers in the adoption of technology or practices to improve water use efficiency, nutrient management and their carbon footprint. The grants will be awarded to farming groups and each grant can be up to a maximum of \$10,000 to implement a project which addresses one of these key areas.

Applications close on Monday, May 30th and further information, criteria and application forms can be found http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=4476

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MAY 2011

Week beg 16th May	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Tim & Cindy Hayes Ian & Cynthia Crawford Around clubhouse and all four courts
Week beg 15th May	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK David Freeman Rob Wales
30th April to 29th May	 <p>Gallery 34 Invites you to a joint exhibition by Patricia Heaslip & Karen Pirie LANDSCAPE JEWELS 34 High Street, Yea Thursday to Saturday 9-4 Sundays & Public Holidays 10-4 Olivia Lawson Ph 03 5797 3222 info@gallery34.com.au www.gallery34.com.au Paintings, prints & sculpture</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. Enlightenment 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. www.townandcountrygallery.com.au
12th May	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome 10 am
Thursday 12th & 19th May	Environmental Farm Planning Course (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 landcare2@iinet.net.au
Friday 13th May	Murrindindi Climate Network: CLIMATE CHANGE - SCIENCE AND SOLUTIONS 6.30pm, 7pm start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Prof. David Karoly (School of Earth Sciences, Melbourne University) What is needed to minimize dangerous climate change? •Matthew Wright (Executive Director, Beyond Zero Emissions) Zero Carbon Australia – How to decarbonise and secure Australia's climate and energy future. RSVP by 9 May Call Moira – 5774 7569 or mawj@bigpond.com ALEXANDRA Shire Hall, All welcome, RSVP for catering purposes No cost
Friday 13th May	'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 14th and Sun- day 15th May	Euroa Community Cinema 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.
Tuesday 17th May	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Away with Words – Cobb and Co, the truth behind the legend. Evening 7-8
Friday 20th May	PLAYBACK THEATRE - Come along and enjoy a FREE live theatre experience with Playback is a professional theatre company of many years standing whose actors transform stories into LIVE action theatre before your very eyes, a remarkable experience, not to be missed Alexandra Shire Hall 8pm Bookings 57720349
Wednesday 25th May until Sunday 12th June.	Jill Maclean's latest exhibition is to be held at 69 Smith St Gallery at 69 Smith St Fitzroy Opening: Thursday 26th May 6-8pm with brief formalities at 7pm. This exhibition is a photographic installation using photography and textiles with an emphasis on family issues.
Sunday 29th May	 <p>Blue Times Blue at The White Hart Hotel 4.30pm 63 Hill Street, Longwood 3665 T-03-57985203 E- white.hart@bigpond.com Bookings essential Return taxis- Price per person \$10 Euroa/ Avenel / Longwood East \$15 Nagambie \$20 Seymour/ Violet Town</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free Entry</p>

Classifieds & Community Notices

MORNING TEA FOR THE BIKIES

On Sunday 1st May a large group of Ariel Motor Bikes and their owners rolled through Highlands with a number of support vehicles and a bus full of friends. The whole group of 128 people stopped at the hall for a delicious morning tea. We were given an interesting display of lovingly restored vintage Ariel motor bikes made between 1920s and 1950s.

A big thank you to all those who baked scones, cakes, biscuits, muffins & slices, and to the helpers on the day who gave our visitors a great welcome. The event was a good fundraiser for the hall and a wonderful success.



WHAT DO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS DO?

Occupational therapists assess and treat people of all ages who, because of illness, injury or circumstance, are limited in their ability to undertake the activities of everyday life.

They assist people to regain lost functions, develop their abilities and social skills, and maintain and promote independence in their everyday lives, enhancing health and wellbeing.

An occupational therapist helps people find practical solutions to everyday problems.

For example:
Provide help and training in daily activities such as bathing, dressing, eating and gardening
Offer advice on adapting homes or workplace to meet your needs
Assess and recommend equipment, such as mobility aids, wheelchairs and artificial limbs and if needed, advise on special devices to help around the home, school or workplace.
Help children with disabilities to build their confidence, enabling them to take part in school activities.

Occupational therapy is available locally through community health at Alexandra Community Health and Yea Community Health.

CHAMOMILE, German (*Matricaria recutita*)

Sometimes known as blue chamomile, it is a fragrant, low annual herb growing up to 0.6m tall with a delicate feather style leaf and daisy like white flowers on a single stem. It is native to central and northern Europe with Hungary being the main producers of the oil. German chamomile oil is steamed distilled from the dried flower heads with the essential oil content being the highest quality at the beginning of flowering and after drying of the flowers at 40- 45 degrees.

Since antiquity chamomile flowers have been used for digestive disorders and skin irritations such as eczema and urticaria and mucous membrane irritations. It is a local vasoconstrictor and can reduce the redness of cheeks due to enlarged capillaries and is excellent in relaxing the nerves, relieving spasms and easing pain, especially arthritis, bursitis and sprains. It is beneficial in treating nervous tension, insomnia, indigestion and headaches, and also contains liver regenerating properties and is considered one of the most gentle essential oils and so is beneficial in treating teething and colic in infants.

Caution is needed when dealing with essential oils so for more information on the use of German chamomile or any other essential oil please contact Megan at 'metier aromatherapy', info@metier-a.com.au or call on 0417 314 559. Megan is an enrolled nurse and aromatherapist and works from her home in Seymour as a therapeutic and relaxation massage therapist. She makes her own skin care range and stocks Ere Perez, a 100% natural range of cosmetics.

MOTHS OF VICTORIA

A presentation by Peter Marriott
Friday 27th May 7.30pm at Flowerdale Hall.

This is a wonderful chance to discover more about these fascinating but often overlooked creatures.

Peter is one of the foremost experts on the amazing array of 2000 to 3000 moths in Victoria and is author of "Moths of Victoria", a four part series of books.

You will be able to have your questions answered.

Learn about the differences between moths and butterflies, and be introduced to the biology and diversity of local moths.

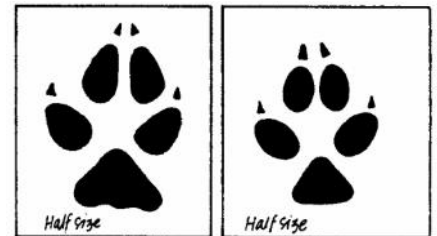
If you plan to attend please contact David Wakefield on 57801225 or email focusonfauna@gmail.com

FOX SIGNS

The number of visible foxes often does not reflect the true number of foxes present in the landscape. Research carried out in the Bendigo area suggests that for every fox seen there will be another four undetected. The ratio of foxes seen to those undetected will vary according to topography, hunting pressure, and terrain.

Look for fox tracks on roads or sheep pads, and droppings near carcasses or scent marking posts. These will all be easily noticed if foxes are plentiful. The following examples of fox tracks have been reproduced from Triggs (1996).

Front foot track Hind foot track
The heel pad of the front foot is separated from the toe by hair. This distinguishes the tracks from those of dogs.



REGISTER FOR FARMDAY

FarmDay is when a farm family hosts a city family for a day of real hands-on experiences and a greater understanding of the day-to-day life of the farming family. On Australia's annual FarmDay, held on the weekend of 28 and 29 May 2011, farmers across the country are encouraged to open their gates and welcome a city family to spend a day on their farm. For more information or to register to host or attend please go to <http://www.farmday.com.au>

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