



PEOPLE AND PLACES

I know these little critters aren't exactly people but they do have a place and I thought it was interesting.

Forest Scorpions

Forest Scorpions are a common arachnids found on rocky outcrops throughout the Strathbogie Ranges. They nest under logs and sheets of rocks. Scorpions are mostly nocturnal but they can be active during the day, especially during prolonged wet weather. Feeding mainly on arthropods such as beetles, cockroaches, spiders, slaters, centipedes and millipedes, they are "lie-in-wait" ambushers that forage at or in the vicinity of the burrow entrance. Ground vibrations caused by moving prey are sensed both by slit-like tarsal sensory organs on the scorpion's legs and vibration sensitive tarsal hairs. The clawed grasping pedipalps are used to hold the prey while the scorpion stings or crushes it. The main predators of scorpions are carnivorous marsupials, rodents, lizards, nocturnal birds, centipedes and other scorpions.

Males and females find each other by vibration, scent and touch. During mating, the sensory pectines under the body are used to find a suitable place for the male to deposit his sperm parcel - the spermatophore. The male and female then perform a mating dance above the spermatophore, with the female being wrestled into position over it in order to draw it up into her genital pore. The fertilised eggs develop inside her body, and she then gives birth to live young. She carries the pale young scorpions on her back for the first few days or weeks, until they are strong enough to become independent. The young then disperse to find food and shelter. Scorpions take a long time to reach maturity, moulting frequently (up to five or six times over two to six years) in order to grow, and may live for two to ten years. Some have been recorded as living up to 25 years

Australian scorpions can give a painful sting but are not considered dangerous. First aid for a sting is to apply a cold pack and to seek medical aid if pain persists. **By Janet Hagen**



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jessica: For an amazing job on Mathletics, passing her level with all gold bars! Well done!

Log Truck Caution:

The logging company came to discuss bus times and road safety over the next few months. The log trucks will be travelling from Spaniaks Road to Seymour several times a day. Please be careful on the road and at bus stops. Logging will continue until March or April 2012

Year Book:

Thank you to Judy Cameron who comes to school every Friday to work with students in Years 5/6 on the production of this year's Year Book. We really appreciate Judy's time and effort and look forward to the finished product.



Christmas Lanterns:

The photo is Kendall and Kelly from Yea High School hard at work making Christmas lanterns. Thank you to Bridget who came and worked with students on Wednesday afternoon to complete their 2011 Christmas lanterns. The lanterns will be on display in the shops along Yea's main street throughout December.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 34

Please send any news to me at mirandayorston@bigpond.com or ring 57969261.

ADVERTISING IN TGN IN 2012

I am now accepting requests for advertising space in TGN for 2012. There are 26 spaces and 8 spaces have already been taken. Spaces can also be used in memory of people or as a donation to the newsletter. The cost is the same as this year, \$250 for approximately 40 editions going to 202 households in hard copy and 336 email addresses each week.

EUROA ARBORETUM PLANT ORDERS OPEN FOR 2012

Even if you aren't in the Euroa or Strathbogie area, it's worth thinking plants for 2012. Nurseries generally like to have their plant orders in by the end of November to allow adequate time for sowing for the following year. If you would like to order plants from Euroa Arboretum for 2012, we'd love to hear from you. Kind Regards, Cathy Olive, Project Manager, Euroa Arboretum Steve and Cathy cathy_steve4@bigpond.com.au

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Christmas eve service will be held in the Caveat Church at 5pm. All welcome. It will include the Christmas story and carols. I would welcome a musician to accompany the carol singing. Contact Stuart 5796 9358

SEED COLLECTION DAY

Friday 9th December 10.00 am Yea River Catchment Landcare Group is holding a native seed-collection morning at the Seymour Lighthouse Park (on the left just before you reach Seymour coming from Yea on the Goulburn Valley Hwy) and anyone is welcome to attend. This is prime time to collect seed and Cathy Olive will show the best collection techniques and discuss storage and sowing. Bring thermos and a small plate for a quick cuppa .RSVP Judy Brookes 57 972 563

DO YOU HAVE BLACKBERRIES GROWING OUT OF CONTROL?

Planning on spraying soon? Please contact Simone Ulstrup for information on Landcare chemical subsidies that may be available to you on 57904146 or hughes.creek@gmail.com

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2011

Week beg 27th November	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK Michel Becks Rob Wales
Week beg 28th November	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Alec & Marion Rowan Brad Kellett & Kate Wright
Thursday 24th November	The final Secret Men's Meeting for 2011 will be held at Caveat Church from 5.30 pm. Please join us for a BBQ and chat, bring a plate and make it the first of your many Christmas gatherings. We welcome everyone in the district to meet and share 2011 memories.
Friday 25th November	ROCKY PASSES Second Last Tapas Night for 2011 From 6pm Now the weather is improving, enjoy the view from our newly paved outdoor area. To book, please call 57969366 or email contact@rockypasses.com.au
November 26 and 27	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "The Smurfs" When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours -- in fact, smack dab in the middle of Central Park. Just three apples high and stuck in the Big Apple, the Smurfs must find a way to get back to their village before Gargamel tracks them down. Please note: Our apologies - we had planned a Friday night with this movie - but our volunteers are all busy, as is everyone, so some along on Saturday and Sunday! More Friday night family screenings next year!
Sunday, 27th November	ROCKY PASSES Album Launch: Adam Dennis "F-35" 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM contact@rockypasses.com.au
Sunday 27th November	Highland Ramblers Andrew Shaw is back to lead the last Highland Ramblers walk for the year. It'll be from Caveat to Peg and Doug Lade's, avoiding all the big hills and taking in the 'cactus hut'. Meet at Highlands Hall 10.30 am. Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504. or mlcurrie@bigpond.com
Sunday 27th November	2011 Summer Art Exhibition @ Old Post Office Seymour Complimentary refreshments served 11am to 4pm "Featuring 4 top Artists" Richard Chamerski, David Chen, David Taylor, Maxwell Wilks. Exhibition continues Wed to Sun 11am to 4pm & Wed to Sat eves from 6pm til 15th Jan. Also works by other noted Australian Artists on show and for sale. www.artseymour.com.au
Saturday 3rd December	You are invited to the Official Opening of the Tablelands Community Centre & The Ruffy Primary School time capsule opening , from 6pm at the old Ruffy Primary School - Official handover of the old Ruffy Primary School to the community of the Tablelands , Opening of the TIME CAPSULE that was laid down by the school children, teachers & community in 1986 (bring a note/photo to place in the new capsule to be opened in 2036) A free Family BBQ Dinner (please bring a salad to share) A Decorated Christmas Tree, a visit from SANTA, (for those who wish for Santa to give a small gift please give to a CFA member on arrival) All present & past community, past students & teachers as well as visitors are invited to this historic event. Enquires: John 0427 344 956 Email: furlanetto@activ8.net.au
Saturday 3rd December	Yea Country Market – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. It will be a special Christmas market, with a the fabulous array of stalls on offer by local producers, growers and makers, as well as eclectic trash and treasure stalls, all enhanced by local entertainers and delicious food and snacks.
December 3 and 4	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "The Eye of the Storm" – (3.5 stars) This is one movie that people are talking about and several have requested. It was difficult getting a date before Christmas! So don't rush off to see it elsewhere.....The first of Patrick White's novels to be adapted to the screen, it is a diverse Australian film that although the characters could be seen as rather bleak it is a movie not to be missed. Charlotte Rampling plays the mother who is dying, while her two children (Andrew Shaw is back to lead the last Highland Ramblers walk for the year. It'll be from Caveat to Peg and Doug Lade's, avoiding all the big hills and taking in the 'cactus hut'.
Sunday 4th December	Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network AGM 11.30am Euroa Arboretum 12.30pm BBQ and salads lunch supplied A relaxing Sunday afternoon beside the big dam at the beautiful Euroa Arboretum RSVP Janet Hagen jhagen@harboursat.com.au
Saturday 5th December	WHITE HART HOTEL White Goat, they'll be belting out all your favourite rock and pop classics, with a fair splash of their own material too. Join us on from 8.30pm. A: 63 Hill St, Longwood, VIC 3665 T: 03-5798-5203 E: info@whiteharthotel.com.au www.whiteharthotel.com.au
Friday 9th December	Highlands Community Christmas Gathering , Highlands Hall, 6pm onwards. BYO everything, BBQ provided. There will be no formal part to the evening, just come along, catch up with neighbours and enjoy yourself. Last year was a terrific evening with about 50 locals so let's see if we can encourage even more out of the woodwork this year. See you there. will be in place of 'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall. BYO everything - food for a BBQ, salad to share, chairs to sit on, etc. All welcome.
Saturday 10th December	WHITE HART HOTEL AGAIN! First up....in music news, we're all excited to confirm the long awaited return of Nick Barker, playing with his band The Reptiles. They're appearing with the evening kicking off at 8.00pm with a tbc support act. A: 63 Hill St, Longwood, VIC 3665 T: 03-5798-5203 E: info@whiteharthotel.com.au
December 10 and 11	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "The Cup" (3 stars) This movie was released to coincide with the Spring Racing Carnival – I doubt those who attend the myriad of social activities surrounding this event would have time to go and see the movie! However that leaves the rest of us to enjoy another Australian movie based on the story of Damien Oliver's 2002 Melbourne Cup ride and the drama that unfolded following the death of his brother Jason.

Classifieds & Community Notices

REMEMBER THE SHED CAFÉ FOR CHRISTMAS

The Shed Café and Cottages at Trawool are now taking bookings for corporate, social club, or even small private groups just wanting a get together for your Christmas lunch or dinner function and are offering the following: Two Courses - \$40.00 per head Three courses - \$46.00 per head.

Included with either package will be Cheese and olives on the tables to nibble on as your guests arrive and the tables will have bons bons and be decorated with Christmas decorations.

Your guests will have their choice from four entrees, four mains and four dessert selections. Drinks are additional. contact us on 5799.1595, or 0402001522 or email lindy@trawoolshed.com.au to receive our full menu.

BECOME EU ACCREDITED

Are your cattle ready for the autumn weaner sales? Become EU accredited and access the new grain fed quota Register for the 'Get EU Ready' workshop Mansfield DSE, 128 Highett Street Mansfield 9am to 12 pm, Thursday December 1
The session will address:

- EU accreditation traceability requirements
 - Scanning cattle and downloading tag files onto a computer.
 - PIC reconciliation (necessary for EU accreditation)
 - Transferring cattle when selling and buying
 - Viewing carcass feedback
 - Replacing lost tags with new tags and linking them on the NLIS database
- You will have a chance to sit in front of a computer and view your own account and receive assistance interpreting your current database situation

Registrations are essential by November 25. RSVP to Sam Ellis on

mobile 0408 922 712 or email sam.ellis@dpi.vic.gov.au

BOOK REVIEW

Under a war torn sky – L.M. Elliott

What a brilliant debut novel for young adults. Elliott has been inspired by her father's experiences in World War II to write a story about a downed U.S. pilot making his way through Nazi occupied France. Henry Forester is forced to rely on the kindness of strangers and the cunning of the French Resistance in order to attempt to escape into neutral Spain. It is an emotional and gripping read of life behind enemy lines during World War II. By Pauline Roberts

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*)

This extremely old species of tree dates back to the Pliocene era, 5.3 to 1.8 million yrs). Some Cypress trees are believed to be 2000yrs old. Originating in the eastern Mediterranean countries, now most of the oil is distilled in southern France. The pale yellow liquid with its refreshing pine needle odour is obtained by pruning the trees in autumn and steam distilling the leaves and twigs. The Greeks dedicated the tree to Pluto, god of the underworld, thus the use of the trees in cemeteries. Cypress is great for getting the blood moving, strengthening the nervous system, restoring calm, reducing hot flushes during menopause, eliminating coughs and due to its antiseptic and astringent properties I use it in skin care for acne, oily skin and excessive perspiration. Caution is needed when dealing with essential oils so for more information on the use of Cypress oil or any other essential oil please contact Megan info@metier-a.com.au or call on 0417 314 559.

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Heart Foundation Yea Walking Group Continuing every Mon evening 5.30pm, Tues morning 6.30am and Sat 9 am. A joint initiative with Yea and District hospital and the Heart Foundation.

Keep fit with Strength, Cardio & Boxing sessions. Continuing Mon, Wed & Fri 5.30pm in 4 week blocks to December with personal trainer Claire Clark.
Pilates continuing on Tuesdays 5.30pm

GREEN GARDENING with Rebecca Bowles. Learn about non use of pesticides, companion planting, composting, what a rain garden is etc. 4th December 11.30-2pm, \$7pp

Jam Making and Brandied Prunes 26th November @ 9.30am Come and make these treats with Jo Millar to enjoy or share as a gift. \$16pp + jars

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Want something that is uniquely Australian? We have a range of Opal jewelry direct from the family mines in QLD starting from \$25 Contact Simone Ulstrup on 03 5790 4146 or email willandaridge@bigpond.com.

CHERRY TREE WIND FARM COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Infigen Energy is hosting local information sessions to answer questions about its proposed Cherry Tree Wind Farm located between Whiteheads Creek and Trawool near Seymour.

The Development Application for an installed capacity of 50 MW comprising 13 wind turbines is expected to be lodged with the Mitchell Shire early next year.

"Even though the project is at an early stage, it is important for us to engage with the local community from the very beginning of this project," says Laura Dunphy, the wind farm's development manager at Infigen.

The information sessions will take place at the following times and locations:

Sunday, 4 December 2011

Whiteheads Creek Hall on Kobyboyn Road from 10am to 4pm

Monday, 5 December 2011

Trawool Valley Resort from 11am to 8pm. Infigen looks forward to meeting the local residents.

About Infigen Energy

Infigen Energy is a specialist renewable energy business. We have interests in 24 wind farms across Australia and the United States. With a total installed capacity in excess of 1,600MW (on an equity interest basis), we currently generate enough renewable energy per year to power over half a million households. As a fully integrated renewable energy business in Australia, we develop, build, own and operate energy generation assets and directly manage the sale of the electricity that we produce to a range of customers in the wholesale market. Infigen Energy trades on the Australian Securities Exchange under the code IFN. For further information please visit our website: www.infigenenergy.com

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UPTON HILL FIRE BRIGADE

The new and splendid Upton Hill Fire Brigade (\$370,00+) is being officially opened by Bill Sykes at 11.00am Sat 3rd Dec followed by a community BBQ All in the hills area are welcome but they must let us know for catering (Sandy MacKenzie 5796 2088 to leave a message).

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