



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Remembering SievX

It is now 10 years since a tiny boat of refugees sank in the waters between Indonesia and Australia with the loss of 353 people. It was the largest maritime tragedy in the Australian region since the Second World War.

Despite a parliamentary enquiry, this event still raises many disturbing questions; namely the circumstances of its departure from Indonesia and the apparent lack of action by the Australian authorities.

This event is now remembered through a spectacular memorial on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. It consists of a winding path of poles, each one representing a person who died and includes the shape of the boat itself.

It is situated on a promontory on the south side of the lake (Weston Park) in the shadow of Black Mountain.

The poles were arranged and decorated by numerous school, church and community group from across Australia. HiArts arranged for Leone Gabrielle to decorate a pole remembering Abu Yasin who died with his wife and two children.

Members of the HiArts Committee went to Canberra for the ceremonial opening of the memorial in 2007. (The pole is situated at the upper end of the row above the boat)

To visit the memorial is a moving experience. It is especially poignant to see the number of smaller poles that represent the many children who were drowned. Why not visit memorial when next you are in Canberra.

By Stuart Reid



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Tobias: For working hard and being really engaged in his 'Witch Menu' writing this week. Well done!



End of year concert: We are so grateful to Susan Bennett who takes on this job each year. Susan's expertise in this area is amazing and this year's concert will have a circus theme. We are currently looking for any circus songs. If you know of a circus song please let us know. Start thinking about circles costumes- clowns, animals, ring masters etc. The concert is on Tuesday 13th December at 5.30pm.

Thank you: Over the last year or more we've been lucky to have Trish Uden volunteering at school. Trish listens to students read and has taught the very popular crocheting skill. Each week students are very enthusiastic to work with Trish. Unfortunately Trish has limited time available now and has had to give up her volunteering at HPS. We'd like to thank Trish for her amazing support and sharing her expertise with us. If you have an hour to spare or a skill to teach we'd love to see you at HPS.

RESIDENTS WANTED FOR POSITIVE AGEING COMMITTEE

A committee established to develop and drive opportunities for older residents is looking for more members to participate. Council's Community and Customer Services portfolio spokesman Cr Cris Ruhr said the Positive Ageing Committee was providing wonderful advice and direction in Council's efforts to create an "age friendly" community. For more information call Council's Coordinator Community Programs Judi Pay on 5772 0360.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 31

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

Jam jars are needed for volunteers making jam for the Yea Hospital. Please leave them at Highlands Primary School and Neil Nagle will collect and deliver them, thank you.

This week The Granite News is being emailed from the Highlands website. This means that you can now go to the website <http://highlands.org.au> and subscribe or unsubscribe to TGN.

LEST WE FORGET

An open invitation to a special memorial cairn unveiling in memory of fallen soldiers.

On Sunday 13th November at the former site of the Ruffy memorial trees (near Ruffy Hall) at 2pm will be the official unveiling of the Ruffy memorial cairn in memory of fallen soldiers.

RSVP or inquiries to Mrs Pam Sprunt 57904240

BED TIME READING

I often ponder on what our landscape was like in the past and how our attitudes to the natural environment have evolved. I can recommend these two books for thought provoking books for bedtime reading over summer.

Gum by Ashely Hay published by Duffy & Snellgrove 2002 (available at Euroa Library) "Gum trees have defined our continent for thousands of years. Since European settlement we have struggled to classify and comprehend eucalypts and the country they belong to. This is the story of that struggle told through the lives of seven people whose lives were changed by their passion for Australia's great tree."

'The Victorian Bush - Its original and natural condition' by Ron

Hateley Published by Polybractea Press 2010 (available Euroa Library or purchase from the author via internet.) This book combines in a readable way extracts from logs, reports and diaries of Victorian explorers, early settlers, travellers and officials that describe the vegetation and fauna they encountered.

The author analyses what he sees are the major ecological processes across south-eastern Australia, including the role of fire. By Janet Hagen

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2011

Week beg 6th November	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Michael Laker John Dalziel
Week beg 7th November	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Tim & Frances Lawrence Merv Penny
November 2nd 3rd & 4th November	Local professional development work shop: Venue: Euroa Individuals wishing to obtain the assessment competencies from TAE Certificate IV in Training and Assessment Units TAEASS401A Plan assessment activities and processes TAEASS402A Assess competence TAEASS403A Participate in assessment validation Come and join us on one day, two days or all three days (each day one unit will be delivered) Inquires: Robyn Richards richards@4upskilling.com.au 0357904303 0407 358191
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November	Rotary Club of Yea Open Gardens weekend. Stunning large country gardens and delightful town gardens. Many open for the first time. All have unique features. Open daily from 9:30am - 4:30pm. Tickets and brochures available from Elaine White 5780 1274 or from Yea Visitor Information Centre and each garden.
November 5 and 6	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Footloose" 113 Mins (PG) Drama/ Musical/Comedy 3 stars This is a new take on the beloved 1984 classic film where Ren (Kenny Wormald) moves from Boston to a small southern town where he experiences a real culture shock. Following a tragedy where five teenagers were killed, local council and church officials have implemented the prohibition of music and dancing. Ren challenges the ban and revitalises the town ... falling in love at the same time. Great music and dancing.
Saturday 5th November	Dave and Jean Roberts run a 113-ha (280-acre) certified organic beef and herb property at 708 Whanregarwen Rd, Alexandra. Anyone is welcome to join the Yea River Catchment Landcare group on a tour of their enterprise, which includes fenced billabongs and Goulburn River flats. They run a closed herd of 145 head, which are never drenched or vaccinated. Their intensive herb operation produces 400-500 kg of dried herbs from a third of an acre, from an eclectic mix of nettle and red clover to peppermint, lemon balm and more. The tour will start at 10.00 am. Please bring a thermos of tea or coffee and a small plate of morning tea to share. Numbers are limited to 20, so please be quick to respond. Judy Brookes jjuncball@bigpond.com
Saturday 5th November.	WHITE HART HOTEL We're hosting the Longwood CFA Charity Spit on All proceeds will be donated to Longwood Rural Fire Brigade. Steve Tobin and Pete Porter are cooking up a butt-o-beef, accompanied by salads and desserts from the White Hart. McPherson Wines have kindly donated some of their fine local brew so we'll all be making merry. Thanks too for the ongoing support from The Euroa Gazette/Printers and Burtons IGA. Tickets are \$25 adults / \$12.50 under 12's. Please note, this is a ticket only event, they're available from the White Hart. 63 Hill St. Longwood 57985203 www.whiteharthotel.com.au
5th - 27th November	Darren Gilbert's new solo exhibition @ Gallery 34 in Yea. It will have a wide selection of artwork (pen and ink), sculptures and new paintings on canvas. Opening Friday 4th November, 6.00 to 8.00pm. 34 High Street, Yea. Thursday to Saturday 9am-4pm. Sundays & public holidays 10am-4pm. 03 5797 3222
Saturday 5th November	The Yea Country Market occurs every 1st Saturday of each month – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. A 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.
11th Novem- ber	Seymour Women's Health is offering a PAP Clinic for PAP smears and registration with the PAP Test Registry for reminders. Bookings are essential. When: (all day) Where: Yea Women's Clinic, Grace Bennett Centre, Yea Hospital Cost: FREE Bookings: 03 5735 8050
Friday 11th November	'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.
Friday 11th November	A Wildlife Fire-recovery Project Possums and Gliders 7.30pm at Flowerdale Hall Light refreshments Contact David Wakefield on 5780 1225 or email: focusonfauna@gmail.com This is the last Focus on Fauna information session for the year and not to be missed! Sally Bewsher, from the Fauna Survey Group of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria, will talk about the possums and gliders that may be found in Flowerdale and surrounding areas.
Saturday 12th November	Three course Spanish lunch at Rocky Passes. \$70/head from 12:30pm. Fundraiser for Graceworks Myanmar. Call 57969366 or email contact@rockypasses.com.au for more information.
Saturday 12th November	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Freya and Ray Grant's, at 19 Nazek Court (off Telegraph Road, just outside Seymour on the road to Yea). Freya and Ray have 5 acres with vegetables, fruit, goats and bees and they make their own goat's milk fetta cheese and honey. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au .
November 12 and 13	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Crazy Stupid Love" 117 mins (M) Comedy / Drama 4 stars Steve Carell plays Cal who has just found out that his wife of 25 years wants a divorce. When drowning his sorrows at a singles bar and boring everyone within listening distance, Jacob played by Ryan Gosling, takes pity on him and commences a make-over to reinvigorate Cals pitiful life! This is a bitter sweet comedy—lots of laughs and some painful discoveries.
Saturday 19th November	HCCC Landcare AGM 4.30pm meeting at Terip Tennis Courts 6.00pm BBQ & pizza dinner at Ruffy Store Everyone interested welcome RSVP Simone 57 904146 or Janet 57 904268

Classifieds & Community Notices

WATCH OUT FOR KOALAS CROSSING THE ROAD

Slow down and drive carefully along our roads during Spring. Be aware that day or night, koalas are sharing our roadways. I passed this cute mother and baby crossing the Buntings Hill road. Koalas are quite common in this area but they are very slow to get off the road. You will have to stop and wait for them to move (a good chance to take cute photos), many get squashed by fast cars.



BOOK REVIEW

Lonesome Howl – Steven Herrick

Steven Herrick is the undisputed master of the verse novel and with *Lonesome Howl* he has yet again managed to convey a dramatic sense of time, place and feeling. Jake's father is adamant he saw a wolf years ago in the local bush. Lucy's father is abusive and destructive. The teenagers head off into the bush together – Jake to find his father's obsession and Lucy to escape her father. What they discover is so much more. By Pauline Roberts

WANTED! HI ARTS SPONSORS

HiArts is hoping to appoint an 'artist in residence' as part of its Art Exhibition in March 2012. To finance this project, HiArts is inviting people to become part of the HiArts Sponsorship Family. In return sponsors may have their names/logo displayed at the Exhibition, and depending on the amount of sponsorship, on the HiArts website. Contact Karli 5796 9396 or Stuart 5796 9358

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

We need you to help make 20cm squares to make up blankets to send to Third World countries. Wool is available at HPS and finished squares can be returned to school. I will be collecting them at the end of November and arranging for them to be packed up and sent off. From Trish Uden

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Purple beard orchid
Calochilus robertsonii

There are around 300 species of orchid in Victoria and there will be some in flower at any time of the year, but spring and early summer are particularly good times to look. Beard orchids aren't found in huge numbers but I've seen a couple in the district this month – one in Old Highlands Rd and one at Wallaby Gully in Upton hill. They grow in heath and woodland where there is not too much ground litter. The green stalk is from 20 – 45 cm long with one or more green flowers with thin crimson stripes and a lip petal with a straggly reddish-purple beard. Some orchid species are beautiful, some are weird – I think beard orchids fall into the latter category. By Louise Currie



AERIAL SPRAYING

David Empey, Paton Air, will be in the area between Friday the 11th and Sunday 13th November. If anyone is interested in having some aerial spraying done here is your big opportunity. It is a fantastic way of knocking down large or inaccessible areas of weeds like blackberry and bracken. For further information please contact David Empey on 5776 4343 or 0418694334 email patonair@gmail.com. For information on chemicals that may be subsidized by Landcare please contact Simone Ulstrup on 5790 4146 or email hughescreek1@gmail.com.

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BRINGING THE WORLD CLOSER TO OUR LIBRARY COMMUNITY

The Yea Library is using "skype" technology to open doors to speakers for the community's enjoyment who would otherwise be inaccessible.

Residents are invited to come along to the Yea Library on 15 November 2011 at 7pm and get up close and personal with the most awarded author in Australia this year, Kim Scott, whose book 'That Deadman Dance', is the winner of the Miles Franklin Award and the Victorian Prize for Literature. "In past events we have found that the discussions have a kind of intimacy and are very relaxed." This was highlighted with the appearance of Attica Locke, the successful author of *Black Water Rising*. Those attending the linked session nibbled on lunch, while Attica sipped wine in her Los Angeles home and talked about growing up black in the United States. "If you are interested in getting involved I encourage you to visit the Yea Library and talk to our staff who are very excited about being able to bring this program to you.

MURRINDINDI COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 23 November 2011
Community Centre, Falls Road,
Marysville (venue change) 11.00 am
Wednesday 7 December 2011 (Special
Meeting) Alexandra Chambers
5:00 pm
Wednesday 14 December 2011
Alexandra Chambers 11.00 am

"THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF GRAZING MANAGEMENT"

Friday 11th November 9.30 am – 3 pm,
Tablelands Community Centre (Old
School)/Ruffy Store – Ruffy, Victoria,
Cost: Free of charge RSVP: 8th No-
vember to Susan Sleigh Kate Sargeant
and Claire Geri from the DPI Ever-
Graze team will be presenting a practical based workshop on the fundamentals of grazing management. Getting your grazing strategies right can be the first step to a more productive, profitable and sustainable, farming business. This day will focus on grazing strategies as a management tool. The day will cover topics such as: • Grazing strategies for productive and persistence perennials • Managing different pasture types and land classes— getting it right for the whole farm • Using grazing to manage annual weeds • Pasture budgeting and tools for planning ahead. Contact Susan Sleigh on (03) 5790 4301 or 0458 020 939 or susan.sleigh@dpi.vic.gov.au

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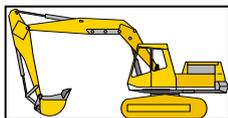
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