



PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Man from Shelton Street

There was movement at the fire shed,
for the word had got around,
That the bunnies were on the move
again.
They had started digging warrens deep
into fragile ground,
And were reproducing like only rabbits
can.

This dreaded bunny invasion was
bound to make things tough,
So the members of the Burnt Creek
Landcare band,
Had mustered at the fire station to
declare - "we've had enough.
We must get cracking before these
bunnies, ruin all our land."

There was McCracken who made his
pile when wool prices went sky high.
The Hon Treasurer of the Landcare
group, he keeps a tight rein on the
dough.
But few can keep with him when the
bunny chase is nigh,
He can go wherever those pesky
rabbits choose to go.

And McGreggor from Upton Hill had
come to lend a hand,
He is CFA captain and respected
Landcare head.
No finer rabbit buster is known across
the land.
He learnt his trade while raising chooks
in a dirty great big shed.
(Though what that's got to do with
bunnies is hard to know).

And one was there called Mackenzie
who drove a battered Subaru,
And the landholders took one look and
said, "mate you won't last too long,
These Strathbogie hills are far too
rough for such as you."
Get back to Shelton Street, where you
belong.

So he waited sad and wistful - only
McGreggor stood his friend -
"I think we ought to let him come," he
said;
"I warrant he'll be with us when he's
wanted at the end,
For both his Suby and he are Strathbo-
gie bred."

So they went a rabbit bustin' with all the
tools on hand they had.
Myxo and calici were not much good
because the bunnies became resistant.
The excavator came in handy but
things still looked pretty bad.
1080 was not an option because the
greenies were persistent,
And got those piss-weak bureaucrats to
make it near impossible to use.
No matter how hard they tried, the bun-
nies kept a' breeden.
And those landholders conceded that
this was a battle they're going to lose
So one by one they retreated, well and
truly beaten.

But Mackenzie was not beaten and he
tried to rally the troops.
He was once a federal pollicie and to
survive that you must be tough.
"We must try new things to confound
these bunnies and put them through
the hoops.
When I've finished with them they will
have had enough."

"We need to have a field day on how to
control this menace.
I will ring my contacts, so that they
know of this in the high places of the
mighty,
And we'll have many social functions to
raise everyone's awareness,
And newsletters with lots of info,
including rainfall stats way back to
1880."

Did Mackenzie manage to curb the
dreaded rabbit menace?
Well unfortunately this poem has
already gone too long,
So the results of his endeavours must
wait for next winter's solstice.
When all will be revealed, perhaps in
song."

Suffice to say that the bunnies start to
fly,
When The Man from Shelton Street is
about.
With his croquet mallet held way on
high,
As he clubs the little buggers with a
God almighty shout.

Apologies to AB Patterson (and Animal
Liberationists etc)

By one of the Burnt Creek Bunny
Busters, sent by Sandy Mackenzie,
many thanks!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 19

Please send any news to me at
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HELP PLANET ARK SPEAK FOR THE TREES THIS NATIONAL TREE DAY!

Planet Ark is calling on Landcare and
other local environment groups to regis-
ter their National Tree Day event and
inspire their communities to reconnect
with nature.

Since 1996, more than 2.8 million
volunteers have put over 17 million
native plants in the ground as part of
the nationwide initiative.

National Tree Day is on Sunday 29th
July 2012 and Schools Tree Day is on
Friday 27th July, but you can register a
site or activity on any day that suits you
and your local environment.

Be part of the country's largest nature
care event and officially register your
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treeday.planetark.org or call our
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Tree Day activities can also include
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activities, as well as guided walks,
gardening workshops, and plant or
mulch giveaways. Contact Simone
Ulstrup if you would like to be involved
hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - JULY/AUGUST 2012

Week beg 22nd July	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Sue Martin Andrew Holloway & Tim Andrews</i>
11th July to 5th August	DARREN GILBERT'S NEXT EXHIBITION The Light Factory Gallery Opening Sunday 2pm 15th July 2012 21 Brougham Street, Eltham VIC 3095 03) 9439 1206 www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au , includes 7 artworks (pen and ink), 17 sculptures and some more in the sculpture garden
Tuesday 17th July	Annual Casserole Luncheon at St. David's Uniting Church Hall from 12 o'clock onwards. A warm welcome is extended to everybody to come along and enjoy this home cooked meal and be entertained later on by an interesting speaker. There will also be a trading table with a variety of goods offered. Cost only \$10.00 per person. For information please ring Joan Penny on 5790 4262.
Tuesday 17th July	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! Tuesday Show- Antarctica Tour, rug up! 5772 0349 1-2pm
Friday 20th July.	The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative would like to invite you to attend the "Fox on the Run" trophy and prize presentation night. We will be kicking off at 6:30pm with a BBQ to be followed by the presentation of a trophy and prize to the winning team. RSVP Simone on 03) 5790 4146 or email hughes.creek1@gmail.com . Tablelands Community Centre (old Ruffy School) Starts 6:30
Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July	WEEKEND RETREAT FOR FAMILIES This is a rare and exciting opportunity for families who are interested in assisting their family member with a disability to plan for and pursue a diverse and meaningful life in the community. This weekend has been developed in response to families who have not found congregate, group, segregated or "specialised" services suitable to the needs and aspirations of their family member with a disability. Further information: Phone: 03 9739 8333 Fax: 03 9739 8333 E-mail: admin@plavic.net.au
Friday, 20th July	Happy Hour at the Ruffy Hall from 6.30pm onwards. Enjoy a warm dinner on a cold winter's evening in the company of some locals. Bring along a casserole or a dessert to share and of course BYO drinks. For inquires contact Henry Noye on 5790 4246.
July 21 and 22	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Men in Black" (awaiting confirmation) 105 mins Action, Adventure (PG) 3 stars Men in Black are back! Apparently this is better than its predecessors. For those in the know ... J has seen some inexplicable things in his time with the Men in Black, but nothing perplexes him as much as his wry, reticent partner. When K's life and the fate of the planet are at stake, Agent J will have to travel back in time to put things right. Secrets will reveal themselves as he teams with young Agent K to save his partner, the agency and the future of humankind! Starring Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin
24th July	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! Blokes Night – drinks and a yarn with mates 5772 0349 6.30 – 8
July 28 and 29	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Wish You Were Here" 93 mins Drama/ Mystery (PG) 4 stars Two couple's lives are irreparably changed after one of the group goes missing during a spontaneous vacation. Alice (Felicity Price) and Dave (Joel Edgerton) are about to become new parents when they agree to join Alice's little sister and her new beau on a sun-soaked trip to Cambodia. Their tropical retreat quickly turns bad, when one of them vanishes without a trace. Meanwhile, as the investigations into the disappearance begins to reveal the nefarious motivations behind their trip, the remaining three struggle to carry on with life with their lives in Sydney amidst the threat that even more damning details will emerge.
Sunday 29th July	Highland Ramblers Join us for another of Andrew's magical mystery tours to hidden wonders of the Highlands. See two eagles or your money back. Meet at the Highlands hall 10.30 am. More details: Andrew 0427 969 297
Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct 5th	MOTHER GOOSE @ Euroa Library Suitable for Birth to 4 years Join us on Fridays 10.00am - 11.00am At Euroa Library (62 Binney St, Euroa) To Register contact: Anne Tomietto Goulburn Valley Regional Library Ph: 58321622 or 1300 374 765 Email: annet@gvrlc.vic.gov.au All welcome This is a FREE program
3rd Aug-3rd September	Gallery 34 invites you to a solo exhibition by Terry Swann 'Australian Landscapes on Location' Opening Friday 3rd August 6pm-8pm 34 High Street, Yea. Open Mondays 10-4pm, Thursday to Sunday 9am-4pm Contact Grace Leslie 03 57973222 info@gallery34.com.au www.gallery34.com.au
Friday 10th August	'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.
Monday 13th August	Tablelands Community Centre meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each Month, 7:30pm at the centre (formerly the Ruffy School) The next meeting will also be the AGM. All interested people are welcome to attend and contribute. For more information contact President John Furlanetto 0427 344 956

Classifieds & Community Notices

LANDCARER OF THE MONTH

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative would like to launch their "Landcarer of the Month" award to recognize and publicly thank any person who has made some outstanding efforts towards caring for our land in some way.

The "Landcarer" can be any person or group who has accomplished something environmentally positive in our catchment, for example blackberry control, protection of remnant bushland, tree planting, hunting of feral animals, co-coordinating community projects that benefit our landscape etc.

If you have someone in mind please record what they have achieved, aim to get a photo (if possible!!) and pass this information on your local Landcare representative Simone Ulstrup at hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

An article will run at the start of each month in the Granite News, and at the end of each year one person will be chosen from this group to be titled the Landcarer of the year!!.

NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTINGS

Whiteheads Creek & Burnt Creek Landcare Groups

Fri 27th July (Schools) & Sat 28th July 2012

Lambing Gully Road

10am until 2pm

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BOOK REVIEW

4F for Freaks – Leigh Hobbs

Leigh Hobbs' artwork just lends itself to drawing 'freaks' and boy is 4F full of them! Such strange students as Nearly-normal Nancy, Scary Mary, Louisa the Teaser and Feral Beryl are all introduced to the new teacher – Miss Corker. Miss Corker seems totally out of her depth in this class and appears to be destined to go the same way as all the other teachers of 4F. However, nothing is as it seems in this delightfully, subversive romp. Hobbs was an art teacher for 25 years and emphasizes that, 'some of the characters and incidents...are fictitious'. A great little chapter book, in the same vein as that Ronald Searle classic, 'Down with Skool'.

By Pauline Roberts

A FERAL FEAST- A TASTY RABBIT PAPPARDELLE

Ever wanted a great recipe for Rabbit?? Try this fantastic Italian inspired recipe that is very simple yet seems to showcase all the individual ingredients. (recipe from Australian Gourmet Traveler- April 2012)

Ingredients:

60 ml Olive oil

1 Jointed Rabbit, dusted in seasoned flour

4 red onions

4 garlic cloves

2 tbs rosemary- chopped

150ml Dry white wine

400ml Chicken stock

Pappardelle pasta

Balsamic vinegar and parmesan to serve

Preheat oven to 140 deg. Heat oil in frying pan and cook rabbit until golden.

Heat remaining oil in casserole dish, add onions and cook gently for 16-18 mins, stir in garlic and rosemary. Add wine, simmer, then add stock and rabbit. Cover with a lid and cook until rabbit is falling off the bone. (min 1 1/2 hours). Remove meat and shred.

Cook pasta as per packet directions, or if your game make your own!

Simmer braising liquid, reduce by 1/2, add rabbit meat and season to taste.

Serve drizzled with balsamic vinegar and parmesan.

Thanks Simone, sounds delicious!

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HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at the Highlands Hall on Tuesday 7th August 2012 commencing at 7.30pm to nominate persons as the Committee of Management for the Highlands Community Hall for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 23rd August 2012. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Judy Cameron on 5796 9247.

OLD BATTERY COLLECTION

Rotary Club of Seymour collects old batteries and ensures their safe and appropriate disposal. Contact Alan Walton on 5792-2338 to arrange collection.

MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY'S JULY SCREENING

In June the Society hosted a very successful "Australian Nostalgia Night". The Shiralee and The Overlanders, were both shown in 16mm format and were much appreciated by a large turn-out of members. On Friday 20th July we return to digital presentation with the 1950 drama Three Came Home, an adaptation of Agnes Newton Keith's best selling WW2 memoir about the three years she spent as a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Borneo and Sarawak. Together with other British and American wives, Agnes is unaware of the fate of her husband who has been incarcerated elsewhere.

A successful author before the war, she is treated with respect by Col. Suga, the camp commander, a cultured man who knows and appreciates her work and takes a personal interest in her. He is however unable to protect her from suffering at the hands of other officers. This is an engrossing drama which demonstrates that compassion and humanity can survive through the most trying of circumstances. Claudette Colbert gives a remarkable performance as Agnes, and Sessue Hayakawa is memorable as the dignified colonel.

Doors will open at 6.45 p.m. at the Yea Shire Chambers for this presentation and prospective new members will be made welcome. Any enquiries should be directed to Jill Dwyer, Secretary on 5797 2480 or jill.dwyer@bigpond.com.

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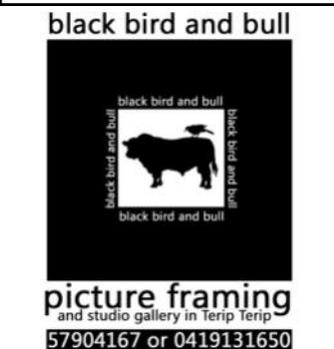
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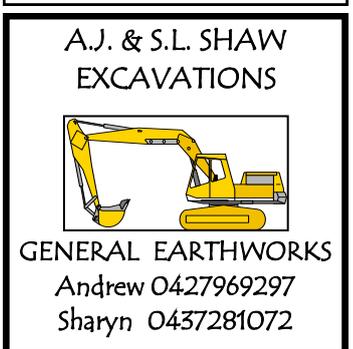
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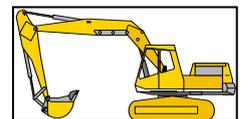
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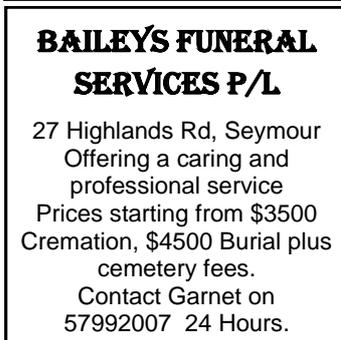
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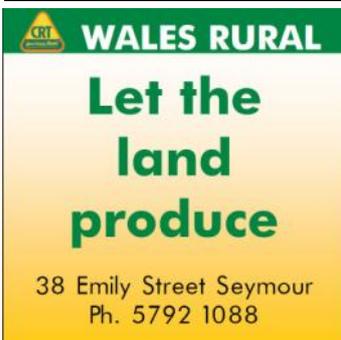


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