



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### THE HISTORY OF THE GRANITE NEWS

Thanks to Scotty for sending the minutes of the community meeting held in 2007 that led to the production of TGN.

The meeting was held to discuss the future of The Highlander newsletter. This was necessary following the reduction in funding for Highlands Primary School for 2007, which meant the school no longer had the resources to produce the newsletter for the local community.

A number of options were discussed including:

1. A proposal to only produce the newsletter for school families
2. A fortnightly newsletter.
3. A monthly newsletter

It was felt that it was very important to produce a weekly newsletter that would be sent to all community members, not just school families. A number of people expressed their support for the newsletter and said it was their only regular link with the community and they would feel quite isolated without it.

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC), 'Landcare', representative ( I guess that was Scotty), suggested that it might be possible for the HCCC to provide a facilitator for the newsletter if its distribution covered the whole catchment which included Terip Terip, Whiteheads Creek and Ruffy. The content would need to include information of interest to all in the HCCC. The meeting was very positive and excited by the idea that:

1. The Highlander would continue.
2. It would have a larger distribution.
3. It would promote the primary school and other community groups.

Miranda Yorston was appointed as the facilitator for the newsletter as she was already employed by the HCCC as their weeds and pests coordinator as well as teaching part time at Highlands primary School. ( Nothing democratic like a job advertisement!)

There was a competition to find a new name for The Highlander which was held at the Highland's Christmas breakup.

I remember a number of HPS students, including my daughter, putting in multiple entries to ensure they influenced the vote. As it happened, the vote was very close so a couple of us decided on the name we liked the best and yes, it was The Granite News.

We also had a competition for the header and I thought Denis Spiteri won that but Jono thinks it may have been Sharyn Shaw, does anyone remember?

Peg Lade was a central partner for the first few years and she did marvellous interviews with the often reluctant locals. Peg drove all over the district, dragging their stories out of them with great charm and enthusiasm. Peg also produced the Bits of Botany and Birds for a long time , before Louise Currie took over.

On the front page of Issue 1, Volume 1 there was some information about the HiArts Exhibition and Family Festival which was on the same date as their weekend in 2013. There was the first Christmas Eve service at the Caveat Church, an article on bats and paddock trees and quite a lot about weeds and rabbits, not a lot has changed really.

We have had lots of support from the very beginning although one well known local identity has been heard referring to us as The Green Rag!

Without all the articles that you send in The Granite News would not exist. Lately Simone Ulstrup and John Kennedy have been terrific contributors which I really appreciate.

If anyone else has any memories of the start to The Granite news that they would like to share, please send them in. If my memory is faulty please feel free to correct it, Miranda



Elf Day continued

The things that teachers are expected to do...Would you employ these people?

### WELCOME TO ISSUE 32

If you would like to receive The Granite News by email go to [www.highlands.org.au](http://www.highlands.org.au) and just subscribe, it is as easy as that!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Jan Hayes who had kept a copy of the first issue of The Granite News in 2007.

### NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Jessica** : For her active listening and high quality of work completed when the Year 3s worked in the senior room on Monday. Well done!

**State Athletics**: Congratulations to Kendall who represented HPS at State Aths in high jump on Monday. Kendall came 6th out of 19 competitors jumping a personal best of 1 metre 24cm. Kendall's jumping has improved so much throughout the regional, zone and state competitions. Thanks to Robyn who has been driving Kendall to all the athletics competitions and then drove to Moe to deliver her to camp.



Elf Day in Yea was a great success and the students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and listening to the stories.read by Yea volunteers.

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2012

Week 11th November	<b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Mowing Roster</b> Tim & Frances Lawrence Merv Penny
Week 11th November	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK -TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE</b> <b>TRUCK ROSTER</b> Richard Waugh Mark Stokes
Tuesday 6th November	<b>TERIP TERIP CUP DAY</b> Chicken and Champagne Lunch, ,Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Commencing at 12.30pm. Cost \$20.00 per head children \$5.00 Chicken and welcome Champagne provided, please bring a sweet or salad to share. BYO any other drinks. Cup Sweeps, 'Fashion on the Field' awards for the best dressed, Running of the Annual Terip Terip Cup. Bookings Essential please ring Kate Wright 5790 4148
Wednesday 7th November	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE</b> There will be training sessions run every Wednesday night. Members must attend a training session to be classed as component for this coming fire season. All sessions will be from 7pm til 9pm, Sharyn 0437281072 or Les 57969265
Wednesday 7th November	<b>ALEXANDRA LIBRARY</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Soapbox – Lively discussion on edgy topics this month - Cults 7-8pm
Thursday 8th November	<b>ANNUAL OAKS DAY LUNCHEON</b> Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit invites you to our at the Seymour Race Club on Thursday 8th November 2012 . Doors open at 11.30a.m. and Lunch is at 12.45 p.m. Admission is \$25.00 per person (tables of 10) Drinks available at the Bar (NO BYO) Door Prizes... Raffles... Best Dressed... Best Hat... Best Shoes. Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall Seymour. Phone 57990773
Friday 9th November	<b>'DRINKS ON THE DECK'</b> 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 9th November	<b>RUFFY ART SHOW</b> 'Meet the Artists' Preview & Fundraiser at the Ruffy Public Hall. - 7.00 pm Tickets \$15. Ph: Glen 5790 4318. This is a great opportunity to mingle with the artists choose the painting you can't live without. In past Art Shows, over 50 percent of paintings sold over the weekend were sold at the Friday night preview.
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "The Cabin in the Woods" - 95 mins 4 stars Fans of modern horror will make a bee line for this movie. There is a remote cabin in the woods, a collection of model teens, and bad things happen! And if you think you know the story – you don't! There is a lot to be said for this movie but no one who has seen it will spoil the fun of those yet to see it. One critic wrote "that if only all horror films could be like "Cabin the Woods". Witty, scary and wickedly entertaining (for those who like this kind of thing!)
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November	<b>RUFFY ART SHOW &amp; Sale</b> at the Ruffy Hall. 10 am - 5 pm Great art, activities for children and delicious food. In conjunction with the Art Show : OPEN RUFFY GARDENS 10am- 4 pm Saturday and Sunday .Three Ruffy Gardens - Coolalie, Greenwood Park and Parrindi will be 'OPEN'. Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for all three gardens. Follow the signposts or directions at the Ruffy Hall. Flags & balloons at each garden.
Wednesday 14th November	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE</b> There will be training sessions run every Wednesday night. Members must attend a training session to be classed as component for this coming fire season. All sessions will be from 7pm til 9pm, Sharyn 0437281072 or Les 57969265
Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November	<b>INAUGURAL RIDE YEA TO MANSFIELD YEA</b> <b>Aighty k's</b> has been created to allow all levels of rider to enjoy the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail. It is our vision this will be a yearly event for singles, couples and families within a non compete environment. We hope to provide a higher awareness not only of the rail trail, but the beautiful scenery, shops and facilities along the way. The rides will vary but the mileage each day will stay around 80kms which now explain the name! For more information about cost and conditions contact <a href="mailto:markspencer07@bigpond.com">markspencer07@bigpond.com</a>
Saturday 17th November	<b>WORKING BEE HIGHLANDS HALL.</b> There will be a 'small' working bee at the Highlands Hall from 9.00am to generally tidy up before the 'Big' Bike Ride event on the 25th. We need to mow, whipper snip, sweep and clean to make sure everything looks ship shape. For more information contact Judy C on 5796 9247.
Wednesday 21st November	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE</b> There will be training sessions run every Wednesday night. Members must attend a training session to be classed as component for this coming fire season. All sessions will be from 7pm til 9pm, Sharyn 0437281072 or Les 57969265
Sunday 25th November	<b>'RIDE WITH YOUR HEROES'.</b> 1000 push bike riders will arrive very hungry at the Highlands Hall for lunch. Yes! 1000 riders! This will be a great fundraiser for the Highlands community. If you would like to help us prepare 1000 salad rolls & barbecued sausages on that day please contact Judy Cameron (5796 9247) or Judy Reid (5796 9358).

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BOOK REVIEW

### Belonging – Jeannie Baker

Yet another tour de force from Jeannie Baker who has been delighting audiences with her intricately crafted picture books for almost 20 years. AS she takes 3-4 years to complete a book each new one is eagerly anticipated and this one is no exception. Belonging tells the story, without text, of being part of an inner city neighbourhood for a generation and the reclaiming of the streets by the residents. There is just so much to find in Baker's collages and her social commentary is evident on all pages. Follow through the fortunes of the used car lot! A book to be shared with young children, but one that can be enjoyed by all ages.

By Pauline Roberts

## DETOX YOUR HOME

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE residents are being urged to take advantage of a free service to safely dispose of old cleaning products, left-over paint, dead batteries and weed killer stored around the home without putting a strain on the environment .

Detox your Home is a service provided by the Victorian Coalition Government to collect potentially dangerous and unwanted household chemical products. The service is funded by the Victorian landfill levy and administered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with STRATHBOGIE SHIRE. A drop-off day is coming to NAGAMBIE soon.

Registration is required for this free event. Register online at [www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) or call 1800 353 233.

Residents can deposit their unwanted household chemicals on: Saturday 10 November 2012 Time: 1:30-4:30pm Location: Drop-off site address is provided upon registration.

For a full list of accepted products and further information call STRATHBOGIE SHIRE on 1800 065 993 or Sustainability Victoria's Infoline on 1800 35 32 33, or visit [www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au](http://www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au).

## HCCC SPRAY UNITS

Ruffy– Don Cook  
Habbies Howe– Scott McKay (900 Lt),  
Tarcombe— Rob Hayes (450 Lt)  
Michael Kopanica (600Lt)

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### AUSTRALIAN RAVEN

(Commonly known as CROW)

Very common and almost impossible to distinguish from Forest Raven or Little Raven, except for its voice, which is a long drawn-out wailing aak-aak, descending at the end (the "death rattle")

At this time of year, Australian Ravens form very large flocks, and if settled on the ground it is quite a sight, especially if there is also a flock of Sulphur-Crested cockatoos nearby.

Old time locals used to call such flocks "Rooks", but as far as I know Rooks are only found in the Northern Hemisphere. By Peg Lade in 2007 (This was one of my favourites of Peg's many contributions)



Australian Raven Image from: John Gould (1804-81) The birds of Australia 1840-48. 7 vols. 600 plates Artists: J. Gould and E. Gould; Lithographer: E. Gould

## VICTORIANS URGED TO REGISTER BURN-OFFS

A few simple steps landowners must take when burning off:

Be aware of your council burn off Local Laws;  
Register the burn with CFA on 1800 668 511;  
Check weather conditions;  
Tell your neighbours when you plan to burn-off to avoid brigades being called out unnecessarily by a neighbour or passer-by;  
Never leave a burn off unattended and; Ensure water is nearby in case a burn-off escapes.  
People should also leave a 3 metre fire break, free of flammable materials around any burn-off.

If your burn-off does get out of control please call '000' immediately.

For more information about burning-off, check [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

## VISIT with ROB FENTON NEC ORGANIC FARM EOI

Hello folks,  
After the recent forum at Trawool I've had a number of people request to visit Rob at the National Environment Centre Organic Farm.

Rob suggested we visit on a farmer's market Saturday. We will start at the market where Rob will give us a tour of this part of the food chain and then head to the farm for a 2 hour tour.

This bus trip is a follow-up to the forum to continue to develop and redefine community productivity in the Goulburn Broken. It will be a further opportunity to network, share ideas, passion and enthusiasm. Along the way we'll discuss how we can establish a communication network that is owned and maintained by the community - bring your ideas!

The date is Saturday 24th November. Cost is \$20 per person, pick up points at Seymour train station car park, Euroa Shell servo on Hwy and Benalla car park at rose garden/gallery Midland Hwy/Bridge Road West. Places limited to 46, with 23 places already taken. Priority is given to farmers and residents from the Goulburn Broken catchment on a first in-best dressed basis.

Rough itinerary: depart Seymour 7am, Euroa 7.40am, Benalla 8.30am. Arrive Thurgoona 10am. 10am-12pm at market, 12-12.30pm lunch (BYO), 12.30-2.30pm tour at farm. 2.30pm depart Thurgoona. Drop off Benalla 4pm, Euroa 4.40pm, Seymour 5.15pm.

Please register your interest asap, including your pick up/drop off location. This is open to all so feel free to bring a friend or neighbour.

Regards, Rhiannon

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## BREASTSCREEN VICTORIA

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