



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### The "Old Post Office Seymour" is "Celebrating 20 years!"

The Fine Art Gallery & Licensed Restaurant is having an Open Day on the 2nd December 2012 to celebrate this prestigious milestone.

The owners, Louise and Garry, extend an invitation to join them between 11am and 4pm. Whether it's your first or one of many visits you are invited to view the "New Art Exhibition" showcasing many of the artists that have been represented over the last two decades and to enjoy complimentary refreshments on the day.

Over the many years the Gallery has exhibited hundreds of artists who have created works in most styles, mediums and price ranges. The quality and variety displayed is suitable for the collector, enthusiast and for gifts.

At all times the primary Gallery aim has been to represent the very best in Art whilst giving both the emerging and established, Victorian and interstate artist an opportunity to show their work to a varied audience. Many of the artists are internationally acclaimed exhibitors, judges, tutors and demonstrators plus many have also been published both in Australia and overseas.

The Gallery has always exhibited paintings, woodwork, sculpture, pottery, art glass and jewellery. As the Gallery has expanded and developed more and more artists have shown their unique and original work. That list is now being added to the Gallery website.

In recent years the Gallery has been extending and enhancing the already wide range of art on offer and has also branched out into an extensive selection of jewellery. This year Murano glass jewellery has been added with the work imported direct from Corte Murrina, Venice, Italy.

Along with the Gallery the C1872 restored multi-roomed historic building also has a centrally located Licensed Restaurant that is open for lunch and dinner. Old Post Office Seymour, Fine Art Gallery and Licensed Restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 4pm and Wednesday to Saturday evenings from 6pm til late. Entry is free at all time and reservations are advisable if dinning. Visit 50 Emily Street, (Old Hume Hwy) Seymour or call 03 5792-3170 or look at [www.artseymour.com.au](http://www.artseymour.com.au) for details.

## DSE INVESTIGATES ALLEGED WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE DEATHS IN HIGHLANDS

Wildlife officers from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) are investigating reports that a number of Wedge-tailed Eagles (*Aquila audax*) have been shot and killed recently in the Highlands area.

Senior DSE Wildlife Officer, Gary Dash, said DSE has received a number of calls from concerned residents who have heard about the alleged shootings.

"It concerns us greatly that it appears that a number of Eagles have been shot and killed illegally in recent months," Mr Dash said.

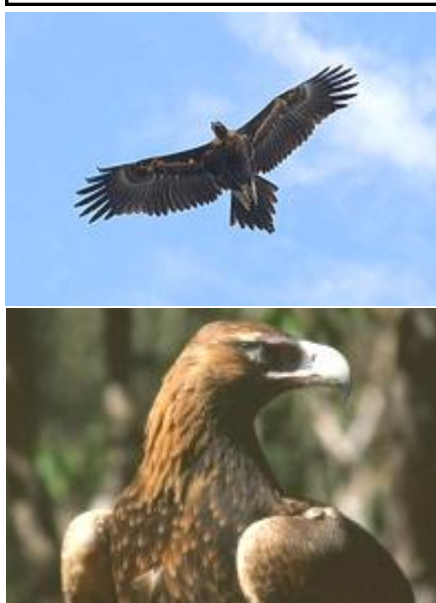
"DSE is taking this matter extremely seriously and is seeking the assistance of the local community to provide us with additional information."

Wedge-tailed Eagles are Australia's largest bird of prey and are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. They can grow to 100cm in height and have a wing-span of 2.5m.

Eagles eat predominately live prey, including rabbits and hares. Other food sources include lizards, birds and mammals.

Residents who have information about the alleged shootings are urged to contact the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186. They can choose to remain anonymous if they wish.

In Victoria all wildlife is protected. Anyone caught trapping, injuring, killing or harming wildlife can face heavy fines.



## WELCOME TO ISSUE 35 NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE GRANITE NEWS EDITOR

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I spoke to a representative from DSE who confirmed that the wedge tail eagles have been found in a similar area to where dead wedge tail eagles were found several years ago in Highlands. It is so distressing to think that it is happening again. Only last week Jono and I were watching four eagles soaring in the thermals and saying how lucky we are in live somewhere so rich in wildlife. I know a lot of readers are going to be really upset to read this news.

The photograph below is by Donovan Wilson. It is of Yarrck, and will be included in his book of the Murrindindi Shire.



## HIARTS EXHIBITION

Artists wishing to exhibit in the Exhibition 1st to 3rd March 2013) can download applications from the web site [www.hiart.org](http://www.hiart.org). Alternative forms can be obtained from Stuart 5796 9358 [kadumbala@mac.com](mailto:kadumbala@mac.com).

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### Yea Water Tigers:

Yea Water Tigers is the swimming team from Yea. Squad Training and Learn to Swim sessions are available. The cost is \$140 per swimmer for the 2012-13 season. Students must have started prep at the beginning of 2012 to be able to join Yea Water Tigers. Registration forms available at the school office or contact Jacky Baynes on 57360410 (work).

### Concert:

Thank you to Susan Bennett for her continued work on this year's concert. The concert will be held at Highlands Hall on Wednesday 12th December. Please come and join us and celebrate the many talents of our students.

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

Week 2nd December	<b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Mowing Roster</b> Alec & Marion Rowan Brad Kellett & Kate Wright
Week 2nd December	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK -TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER</b> Peter Gremlick Rob Hayes
Wednesday 28th 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 28th November	<b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP</b> meeting: at the Ruffy Hall at 8pm Whilst it is a busy time of the year for meetings and other events; we hope you can make it to this final meeting of 2012 to contribute to goals pursued and celebrate goals achieved. Supper will follow the main proceedings.
Thursday 29th November	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> will be held for the last time this year at The Caveat Church, at 5.30 pm. A special BBQ, with steak, so we expect a larger group for our end of the year gathering of people in our community. BYO drinks. The following meeting will be on January 31st, 2013.
Friday 30th November	<b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS</b> Last tapas nights for 2012: Enjoy tapas and wine and music in the courtyard at Rocky Passes from 6:30 pm. Extended bar license. To book, please call 57969366 or email <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a>
December 1 and 2	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "Ruby Sparks" 104 mins (M) Drama 3.5 stars An author with writers block is stressed about life when he is inspired to write about a fictional character that he has seen in his dreams – "Ruby Sparks" However, when Ruby comes to 'life', his 'life' takes a different turn. She does everything he writes about ... including being his girlfriend, speaking French, anything!
Saturday 1st December	<b>RUFFY CHRISTMAS TREE</b> 6pm at Tablelands Community Centre. Family BBQ, bring salad/desert to share. Santa expected. Sack available for named gifts for children. For more details visit <a href="http://www.ruffycommunity.com.au">www.ruffycommunity.com.au</a>
Saturday 1st December	<b>A NIGHT ON THE GREEN WITH TIM FARREN AND BAND</b> @ 7.30pm Tallarook Recreation Reserve, Sanctuary road, Tallarook. Food and drink available. No BYO. \$50 Families, \$20 Adults, \$15 Concessions
Friday 7th December	<b>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKUP</b> Highlands Hall BBQ at 6pm BYO meat and salad to share Christmas Carols Santa at 7.30pm Please come along! Bring a present for your child to school before the night (\$5 maximum)
December 8 and 9	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "Monsieur Lazhar" 92 mins (M) 3.5 stars Winner of several audience awards and film festivals and nominated for a Best Foreign Film Oscar! Yes it is a French language film – but don't let subtitles put you off. This is a highly regarded Canadian movie about a group of school children recovering from the tragic death of their teacher. Lazhar, a new staff member and Algerian refugee, has bluffed his way into this teaching job but has the unique ability to connect with the students which helps the healing process.
Monday 10th December	<b>The Strathbogie Alternative Fertiliser Trial site field/open day</b> has been changed to Monday 10th December (previously Friday 23rd Nov). 9.30-12.30, David Hamilton's property, Bullagreen Murray Greys, 1948 Euroa-Strathbogie Road, Strathbogie (opposite corner of Delahey Rd) Results to be presented: soil tests, dry matter yield (DMY)/ha, cost/kg DMY of each treatment, preferential grazing by stocks. Further info contact: David Jamieson 5790 5236 or 0423 328 321
Wednesday 12th December	<b>HPS CONCERT</b> Students have started work on the 2012 School Concert. This year's concert is 'The Adventures of Cuthbert and Nigel' and follows the expedition of these two office clerks. Susan has again written this terrific play and comes to school a couple of times a week to take rehearsals. The concert will be held at the Highlands Hall
December 14, 15 and 16	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> just in time for Christmas – "Madagascar 3" 93 mins (PG) 3.5 stars Our last Friday family fun night for the year! As usual, doors open at 6pm on Friday night for those wishing to bring along dinner (...and rugs, cushions whatever makes it comfortable for you).
Friday 21st December	<b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS</b> Last Tapas Night for the year at Rocky Passes from 6:30 pm. Why not have a night out before the Xmas busy-ness starts. To book, please call 57969366 or email <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a>
Monday 24th December	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b> A Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Caveat Church at 5pm Sing some carols and share the Christmas Narrative and the "story of the Recalcitrant Shepherd". All welcome. 5796 9358
Saturday 5th January 2013	<b>ANNUAL TERIP TERIP SOCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT</b> 10.00am start Enquiries Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262 – Cindy Hayes 5790 4226

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### Handsome flat-pea *Platylobium formosum*

We saw this attractive groundcover shrub in flower beside Spaniak's road during October's ramble. It's a low scrambling plant with 'egg and bacon' pea-flowers – yellow with red centres. The stalkless leaves grow in pairs and are dark green. It grows well in shady areas or damp soils, and flowers in spring.



## BOOK REVIEW

### The Really, Really High Diving Tower

By David Metzenthen

Puffin Books are on a winner here. Following on from their Aussie Bites and Aussie Nibbles series successes (books written for a specific age/ability level by great Australian authors) they have broadened their horizons to include an older section – Aussie Chomps).

This title conjures up lazy childhood/ adolescent summers at the local swimming pool. However this summer is different for Peter 'Pod' Podlewski and his mate Morris 'Shiny-Boy' Diamond. They have set themselves the challenge of diving from the very top of the 10m tower before the local council closes it down and demolishes it. Can they do it? Read it and find out.

By Pauline Roberts

## WORKERS NEEDED

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## ONE JAR, TWO COFFEES

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two coffees from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed...

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.'

The golf balls are the important things-- your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else--- the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.'

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The coffee just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of coffees with a friend.

From Ken Howson

## SITUATION VACANT

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is seeking a publisher/ editor for The Granite News.

The successful applicant will be responsible for compiling, editing, distributing, and liaising with contributors including community groups.

General computer skills and knowledge of MS publisher would be beneficial but not essential.

Although the HCCC has an office at the Tableland Community Centre Ruffy most responsibilities can be carried out at home. The applicant will need to be organised and self-motivated.

Hours currently are 6 per week for 38 weeks, however these are negotiable.

Remuneration to be discussed on application to the secretary of the HCCC at [tgn.hccc@gmail.com](mailto:tgn.hccc@gmail.com) or by phone 0357969259

## COMMUNITY CLEARING SALE

Do you have things that you don't use anymore, or maybe just need to clear some space?

Then why not take a stall at the Highlands Community Clearing Sale in the grounds of the Highlands Primary School over the Hi Arts weekend 2013. Stall fees are \$10 per 3 sq m site, which goes back to HPS as a fundraiser. For more details or to register interest, call Leanne Pleash on 5796 9200. Stalls of new items also welcome. Sellers assume all responsibility for staffing their stalls, and securing items if left overnight.

## ROADSIDE WEED SPRAYING

Are there any weeds popping up along your roadside?? The HCCC is looking at co-coordinating with local councils to eradicate weeds along the roadsides within our catchment. To report any emerging trouble spots please email Simone [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

## BREASTSCREEN VICTORIA

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