



CONVERSATIONS

JIM and JILL came up the HILL

Just about everyone who lives in our wonderful Strathbogie region wouldn't wish to live anywhere else. Many were born to the district but their appreciation for the area has never worn thin.

Other folk have arrived here by various circuitous routes and have become instant converts. Such is the case for well known and respected Terip Terip couple Jim and Jill Davidson.

They arrived in the district in late 1979 intending to pursue the dream of owning their own piece of land after Jim's career in government and Jill's time out from nursing to raise their 3 children, but as it turned out, their working lives were about to take many different directions.

Jim had come to Melbourne with his family as a 9 year old Scottish lad from a small town between Edinburgh and Glasgow. His father was a baker who had run a successful business but with the closure of the local shale oil facility following the rise of the Middle East oil industry Jim's father realised that employment prospects were becoming limited so he decided to pursue a better future for his children in Australia.

Growing up in Melbourne's eastern suburb of Mitcham, Jim got to know young Jill from Donvale and as it turns out, he also played Under 16 footy with Ruffy's Doug Maclean who was also growing up in Mitcham.

Initially working as a PMG technician, Jim landed a job with the Vic Fisheries & Wildlife Dept making low power transmitters for native waterfowl tracking collars. Jill was just starting her nursing career when Jim was appointed to a position with the Fisheries Department at Port Fairy in 1965 and so began their first experience of country living. They were married in 1966 and spent 12 years on Victoria's magnificent south west coast before Jim was transferred to Cowes and then promoted to head office in Melbourne. Intent on pursuing their ambition of living & working in the country, Jim chose to resign and they searched this area for their tree change, as they had close friends at Strathbogie.

Jill took a nursing job at the Euroa Hospital and Jim revelled in the outdoor life as a farm labourer working with Roger Strong, Michael Hill and Helen McKenzie to name a few. They both became involved in the local community through the Terip Tennis Club, the Recreation Reserve and of course the Terip Fire Brigade.

Jim also became a respected volunteer on local school councils which led to an unexpected offer of Regional School Council Liaison Officer with the Dept of Education in Benalla, finishing his career as Assistant Regional Director. Jill had become a District Nurse specialising in palliative care and following the tragic death of their 21 year old daughter Nicki, Jill was motivated to return to study a Grad Dip in Loss and Grief. After 7 years in the Regional Palliative Care Service, Jill is now in private practice as a Loss and Grief Counsellor and Consultant.



Jim & Jill Davidson at home in their Terip Terip 'piece of paradise'

When asked what are the most endearing things about living where they live, Jill and Jim were in full agreement that it is "the wonderful sense of community and the peace, tranquillity and elbow room of our own piece of paradise"

By Don Cook



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READERS' WRITES

"I have been receiving your newsletter for some time and enjoy reading it. Recently we have started the Black Market Food Exchange (BMFX) on Facebook (this runs in conjunction with the actual Black market that rotates around peoples gardens once a month in the Mitchell shire). Many of your news stories are relevant to those on the BMFX. Are you interested in extending the reach of your newsletter to this group of people on Facebook?"

—**Cynthia Lim, Seymour**

Thank You Cynthia, we're happy for you to share TGN on your Facebook page. Ed

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Kendall



For working well, showing initiative and leading by example. Well done!

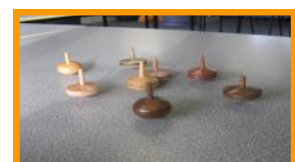
ELF Day: It is that time again! ELF Day will be held on Wednesday 16th Oct. Start thinking about your costumes!

Eggs: Does anyone have an excess supply of eggs? We need egg donations for VORRA.

Please let us know if you can help out.

Wanted for Science: Ice cream container lids and milk bottle tops.

Thank you: Thank you to Emily's grandfather who made the magnificent wooden spinners. They were a huge hit and sold quickly, raising money for JSC



By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS



FINDING 'FOXY'

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AND thanks to Lockie Cameron, also top left of Page 1. Did anyone else find two Foxys last week ?

COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2013

Now Until 30th September 10am-4pm	GALLERY 34 “FERTILE GROUND” EXHIBITION At Gallery 34, High St., Yea Ceramics by Margaret Anne Milburn & Digital Photography & Mixed media by Jill Maclean <p style="text-align: right;">Contact Jo Miller 5797 3222</p>
Sunday 8th September 11:15am	St. DAVID’S UNITING CHURCH Terip-Ruffy Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information please Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Sunday 8th September 2:00pm	“FANTASIA” AUSTRAL HARMONY Tour on Historical Instruments Seymour Anglican Church Anzac Ave Jane Downer & Peter Hagen present the work of Johann Ludwig Krebs. Tickets at Door \$25, \$20 Concession Contact 5794 2858 or 0439 066553
Monday 9th September 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Ros 5790 4161
Friday 13th September 6:30pm	‘DRINKS ON THE DECK’ at Highlands Community Hall 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. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247
Saturday 14th 8:00 pm & Sunday 15th Sept 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA “Oblivion” 125 mins (M) Action / Adventure *** 3.5stars A veteran assigned to extract Earth’s remaining resources begins to question what he knows about his mission and himself. Tom Cruise stars as Jack, who mans an outpost on a devastated earth after an alien invasion 60 years ago. We might have won the war but we lost the planet. Earth’s population is now based on a moon of Saturn and Jack has to maintain the drones to protect Earth’s few remaining resources. Low tech guerrilla warriors vs high tech invaders, with plots and twists, good music and Tom Cruise does his best to entertain as do his partners Andrea Riseborough and Olga Kurylenko.
Tuesday 17th September 7:30pm	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE—Annual General Meeting Terip Terip Rec Reserve All are welcome to attend this meeting to work on the future directions of the Rec Reserve and elect new committee members. Note Change of Date from 19th Sept Contact Andrew Holloway (Secretary) 5790 4080
Friday 20th September 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road <i>“Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!”</i> BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share Contact Henry 5790 4246
Saturday 21st September 9am-1:00pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>“Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop”</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from “local” producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au
Saturday 21st September 7:00pm	RUFFY PRODUCE STORE Spring Solstice Dinner with DELATITE Nolans Rd., Ruffy Three courses and two glasses of wine, \$60 per person. An opportunity to enjoy Freya’s fantastic food, sample a number of Delatite Reserve Wines and talk with Andy, their maker. Bookings are necessary. Contact Helen or Freya 5790 4387
Sunday 22nd September 9:30am	St. DAVID’S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Join the “SPRING-FLING” , which has been organised by the Euroa Uniting Church for this day. This exciting event will start with a church service in Euroa and will be followed by morning tea. It will then take you on a drive through the countryside and lunch at a mystery destination. You are invited to attend this special event instead of a service at our Terip-Ruffy Church, which has been cancelled. For further information ring Stella Stillman 5790 4276
Thursday 26th September 5:30pm	SECRET MEN’S BUSINESS (The word is out!) Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks
Friday 27th September From 6:00pm	ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 28th September 6:00pm	RUFFY PROGRESSIVE DINNER Tablelands Community Centre (Old School)/Rec Reserve/Ruffy Hall This will be a Good Old-Fashioned Community progressive Dinner. Everybody is invited to come along in your Footy Colours and to be entertained by local artist Jim Davidson Tickets are \$25 per head All proceeds to Ruffy Rec Reserve Contact Pam Sprunt 5790 4240

Classifieds & Community Notices

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

VEINED HELMET ORCHID *Corybas diemenicus*

Native orchids can be found at just about any time of year though spring and summer are the best, both for the numbers of species and their brilliant colours.

In late winter and early spring I normally look out for greenhoods, whose colour can make them hard to spot against the background vegetation.



I was searching a patch on my block where I'd seen them in previous years when I came across something different, and even easier to miss. A tiny little orchid with a dull purple hood and one green leaf. The flower was about 1cm across and not much taller, and the leaf blended well into the mixture of kidney weed and hydrocotyles, groundcover which have similar-sized and coloured leaves.

It was the first helmet orchid I'd ever seen on my block, though it's not a particularly rare species.

It prefers moist shady sites and can grow in large colonies, so I was a bit surprised to find only one, though I searched the ground carefully around. Later, a few hundred metres away I found four similar leaves with no flowers so I'll keep an eye on them and see what develops.

And I never did find the greenhoods.

By Louise Currie

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT (unless you're flying alone!)

DUTCH AIRLINE, KLM, has rolled out its 'Meet and Seat' program – it enables travellers to choose their seats based on the online profiles of those sharing their flight - customers can make a match by offering their Facebook or LinkedIn data, depending on whether they're looking for a potential personal or business relationship.

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THANK YOU from RUFFY BINGO

On behalf of the team at the Tablelands Community Centre, I would like to thank Ros & John Goodwin, the Furlanetto family, the Hewlett family, the Hagen family and The Ruffy Produce Store for donating prizes for the Ruffy TCC Bingo nights.

In 2013 we raised about \$1600 for the Tablelands Community Centre. I would also like to thank all the players who attended the nights, they were a great success. Hope to see you all again next winter.
Thanks from Sally Kubeil.

DOES ANYONE KNOW THIS DOG ?



She has a black studded collar and was found in the Yea area on Saturday August 31st.

It is thought that she wandered in from the Highlands district and is currently being cared for at the Yea Veterinary Hospital.

If you have any information please call Yea Veterinary Hospital
5797 2333

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

NEXT HCCC LANDCARE MEETING

20th September @ Ruffy Produce Store
7.30pm for drinks 8pm for meeting
Everyone is Welcome
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

THE TIME IS CLOSE FOR SPRAYING PATTERSONS CURSE

Once again the time has come to think about looking for and spraying infestations of Pattersons curse.



Paton Air will be in our area over the next few months for helicopter spraying, so it's a good idea to contact them early if you are interested.

The HCCC is once again offering a subsidy on chemical and helicopter fees, limits apply.

Please contact Simone as soon as possible to get on the list 5790 4146
hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

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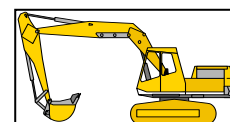
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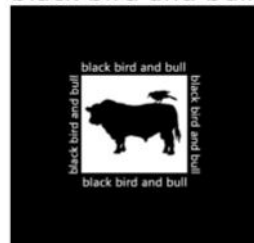
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