



MY LOCAL ICON

THE HIGHLANDS MAILBOX

The old mailbox at the end (beginning?) of Lade's Road was built by Doug's father in the early 1900s. This was when he and his brother Percy came home from school to Highlands to their bush block of bracken and wattle scrub. Their father, Henry, was among the first settlers in Highlands in 1882, but he had died as a young man.



Mailbox still standing after 100 years

When I came to Highlands at the beginning of 1951, the mailman was Vin Hall from Seymour. He would bring groceries, bread etc. with the mail. All you had to do was ring the Seymour Post Office and say "Has Vin left yet? If not, please ask him to bring an extra loaf of bread". Often, visitors or residents could get a lift back to Seymour with him to catch the train. How sad we all were when he retired!



Highlands families' names still legible

The mailbox was shared with MacAlpins, Yorstons, and Henshaws. At some stage we got a female mail person and she said to me "Why don't you get the mail delivered to your front gate?" So we all signed a petition and now we have it, and 'newish' mail-boxes.

Perhaps the next step will be all internet, I hope not.

By Peg Lade

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Jessica



*For excelling in all areas.
Well done!*

Christmas Stall: A huge thank you to Maree Gilbert and her parents who provided all the items for the Christmas stall. There were some beautiful things. If you missed it and would like to do some shopping please ask Maree.

Thank You: A huge thank you to the HiArts committee for their generous donation to the school.

Eggs: We are wondering if anyone has excess eggs that could be donated for the end of year Family Breakfast.

Thanking you in advance.

By Meagan Callander-Principal, HPS

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

Rainbow bee-eater

These colourful little birds have just arrived back from over-wintering up



Merops ornatus

north. They'll breed down here and head north again in Autumn, maybe to Queensland but possibly as far as Indonesia or New Guinea. They nest in burrows up to a metre long which they dig over several days. And it's generally the female that does the larger share of the digging!

By Louise Currie



Hughes Creek
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WELCOME to ISSUE 43 2013

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

*The Granite News—Christmas Break
Next Week's Granite News, Issue 44,
will be the last for 2013.*

TGN will resume on Jan 19th 2014

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society Scholarship

This scholarship is available to students from Seymour and district.

In the past applications have come from Tallarook, the Highlands, Kilmore, Yea and Avenel.

Seymour A&P is unique in offering the scholarship. The motivation for the scholarship is to encourage people to undertake courses that will benefit the rural community, so while agriculture and natural resource management are obvious areas of interest, medicine, hydrology or environmental engineering would also be considered.

John Dalziel and Richard Wallis manage the Scholarship fund, and many local people have generously supported the Scholarship fund over the past years.

Donations are now tax deductible.

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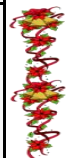


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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR DECEMBER 2013

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	<p>W/C 2nd Dec Scott Rowan & Hayley / Rachel Brown & Chris Hewison—Around clubhouse and all four courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 9th Dec Geoff & Jan Penny / Lachy & Kerri Thomas—Car park and all four courts</p>
Sunday 1st December 2:00pm	<p>Official Opening of the Ruffy Sculpture Garden at the rear of the Ruffy Hall. Ruffy Art Show Committee invites the community to the official opening of our Sculpture Garden. This will be followed by the opportunity to meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments.</p>
Tuesday 3rd December 8:00pm	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE —Pre-Season Meeting At the Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) All Welcome</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956</p> </div> </div>
In RECESS until 2014	<p>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO) Thanks to all the folks who contributed to the monthly Ruffy Happy Hour (or two) throughout 2013. Thanks also to the community for your support for this regular informal gathering.....it's been great fun. There will be no Happy Hour for December owing to the number of other Christmas celebrations. We will start again in February 2014. Happy Christmas to All. Contact Henry 5790 4246</p>
In RECESS until 2014	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK Highlands Hall There won't be a Drinks on the Deck for December. See you all on 10th January 2014. Thanks to all who supported this community get together through 2013 and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Judy Cameron</p>
Friday 6th December 6:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP BBQ at Highlands Hall BYO drinks, chairs, meat and salad to share. Don't miss out on the special visit from Santa at 7.30pm and the beautiful voices of the children singing Christmas carols. Please drop off presents for your children at the school prior to this date labelled with their name (maximum of \$5). Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</p>
Saturday 7th December 6:00pm	<p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATIONS Ruffy CFA will provide the meat for a Family BBQ—Please bring Salad or Sweet to Share...BYO Drinks It is expected that Santa will pop in for a visit (Items for the children to be given to Ruffy CFA Captain John) Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956 or Ros Goodwin 5790 4161</p>
In RECESS until 2014	<p>EUROA CINEMA There will be no cinema screening this coming weekend and last week was the final screening using 35mm format The cinema is about to embrace the installation of digital projection equipment, which will provide fabulous opportunities to bring not only the latest movies to Euroa, but we anticipate screening more of the unusual and foreign language films as well – something to look forward to! Euroa Community Cinema will re-open in January 2014 On behalf of the cinema volunteers I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their encouragement, support and patronage and we look forward to seeing you all in 2014. Merry Christmas to all..Judi Hanlon</p>
Sunday 8th December 2:00pm	<p>St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip Come along to our early Christmas Service, where some of the Euroa congregation will join us. This will be followed by a lovely afternoon tea. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p>
Saturday 14th December 6:00pm	<p>TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Festivities start at 6pm, or come along earlier to watch the Tennis. \$5 per head, BBQ Meat will be provided and please bring a Salad or Sweet to Share RSVP - Sue Martin by Dec 10 – 5790 4277</p>
Saturday 21st December 2:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS vs RUFFY/TERIP CHRISTMAS CRICKET MATCH Ruffy Cricket Ground (RCG) This is the 'warm up' game before the annual grudge match at the Hume & Hovell ground at Strath Creek. It's a terrific casual day with everyone invited to come & play and enjoy a family BBQ afterwards Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259 or 0427 969259</p>
Saturday 21st December 9am—1pm	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au</p>
Sunday 22nd December 11:15am	<p>St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p>



Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

HIGHLAND RAMBLERS NOVEMBER WALK

It was a very light turnout for the last walk of the year, but they were keen – when I offered them the choice of a gentle stroll along a creek or a hard slog up a hill, they went for the hill !



Helen Walford & Geoff Lade on Mt Helen

It was worth the effort as Mt Helen has magnificent 360° views. And most of it's actually quite a pleasant climb, with interesting rock outcrops on the way up. One rock had a whole colony of swallows' mud nests under an overhang. A pair of eagles and a pair of kestrels kept us company, and at the very top a koala was sitting on the ground waiting for us. Goodness knows what he was doing so far from a gum tree.



'Rocky' the Koala in his adopted habitat

Back down to Stewart's creek for a short stroll to a lovely little gorge and swimming hole. We could see the rain falling to the west of us but it remained dry where we were, and a lovely day was had by all.

We'll be back next February or March and we've already started planning where we can walk next year.

A big thank you to all the landowners who have let us wander over their land this year.

By Louise Currie

SEYMOUR AGRICULTURAL and PASTORAL SOCIETY

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A scholarship of \$3000 is available to a tertiary student in the Seymour region studying or planning to study
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Contact Seymour A&P Society
Scholarship Committee

PO Box 6, Seymour 3661
or phone 5792 1848
or 5796 9255 AH

Applications close 10th Jan 2014



TABLELANDS CRICKET CALENDAR 2013-14

Saturday 21st Dec 2013 2pm
Ruffy v Highlands
At Ruffy Cricket ground (RCG)

BBQ following the game

Saturday 22nd Feb 2014 11am
Highlands v Ruffy
At Hume & Hovell Ground
Strath Creek

Lunch at 1.30pm

Saturday 22nd March 2014
11am

Wilderness (Us)
v Riverine (Them)
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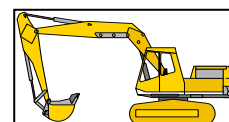
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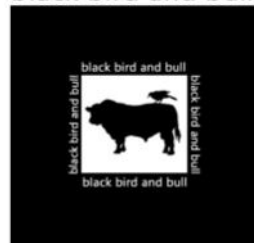
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