

# The Granite News

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## A WEEKEND IN HIGHLANDS

If I was ever in any doubt about what a vibrant and interesting community we live in, last weekend ended those negative thoughts.

On Friday night at the Highlands Hall, Highlands Landcare provided the community with delicious wine and cheese and a fascinating talk on bats by Dr. Lindy Lumsden. She brought along George, an 18 years old eastern free tailed bat for us to meet. The big message she gave was the importance of paddock trees for the survival of these insect eating mammals.



Dr. Lindy Lumsden and George.



Yolande with Victor Oles and his delicious Syrah wine from his vineyard "Rocky Passes". Ring him- 57969366 if you would like to try and buy his wine.

To the right is Dennis in front of his beautiful photographs at his studio/gallery on the Hillcrest Road, Highlands, first turn on the left after the Highlands School, heading for Yea.

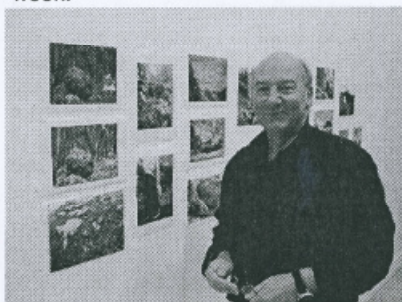


The UFO group was seriously humming. Lots of industrious sewing. Pauline admires Libby Webb's creation. Libby says she is just beginning but it looked absolutely beautiful.



Pauline Roberts and Lisa Cooke chat while others are hard at work!

On Sat. and Sun. you could visit Dennis Spiterri's gallery and see the beautiful photographs he has taken during The Highland Ramblers walks. They are fabulous and on sale for only \$5 each, just covering the cost of printing. If you missed out, ring Dennis on 57969373 and arrange a time to visit over the next month. It is well worth the effort. More photos next week.



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On Saturday night we went to the Ruffy Hall and listened to a very talented Russian band called Zulya and the Children of the Underground.

Zulya is originally from Tatarstan in central Russia and in her final song her voice was quite breathtaking. If you missed out, book RuffArtz for Sanfona on Sat Aug 25th and Gutbucket Jug band on Sat Nov 17th. Phone Glen on 57904318.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The focus for this week is PERSEVERANCE. The students identified different strategies to help them persevere including positive thinking, staying focussed, breaking the task up into smaller bits and "digging deeper".

### Musical Stars:

Congratulations to Ariel Graf and John Bennett on their outstanding performances at the Yea Music Hall last weekend. It is wonderful to see our school represented by two outstanding students who are very clearly full of musical talent. Congratulations also go to all families who support the extra curricula endeavours of their children through music lesson, sports and other activities undertaken by our students. These extra curricula activities go a long way to helping the development of well rounded citizens.

### Student Learning Awards

Senior Room Spelling: Jack H, Kelly, Ariel, Michael  
Tables: Michael, Jack H, Kelly, Jack M

Junior Room  
Home Learning: Laura  
Spelling: Daniel  
Tables: Laura  
Reading: Walter  
Counting: John,



## Classifieds & Community Notices

### What are the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) 2007?

VSEG provides funding of up to \$3,000 (GST inclusive) to help not for profit community organisations buy small equipment items to support volunteers whose work contributes to developing stronger families and communities.

Organisations may apply for up to five equipment items or five (5) sets of individually low cost closely related items or a combination of both. For example a set of items could be gardening equipment such as a shovel, spade, rake and mattock.

This may include:

- \* funding of up to \$3,000 only as partial funding for a single item that costs up to \$5,000 GST inclusive

- \* a set or package of small, individually low cost closely related items, such as a range of gardening equipment, up to the value of \$500 GST inclusive

- \* initial items to start using the equipment (e.g. BBQ gas bottle, batteries)

- \* parts (not consumables) to upgrade existing equipment (excluding labour costs) on eligible items

- \* delivery/freight.

The equipment must be portable, tangible and for the primary benefit of the volunteers. It should not be for the exclusive benefit of the organisation, clients and participants, or for private purposes.

Selection Criteria

Your application will be ranked on the following selection criteria.

- \* Your organisation's work. How much involvement an organisation has in supporting and strengthening families and the local community

- \* The size of your organisation's budget. Organisations with a smaller budget will be rated more highly.

- \* The volunteer-to-staff ratio and the number of volunteers. The more volunteer staff you have in comparison to paid staff, the higher your application will be rated.

How to apply: Mail, Online lodge it as soon as possible. Remember that just about any community group can apply for this grant, Further Information Website:

[http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vseg\\_2007.htm](http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vseg_2007.htm)

Contact Details: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Email:

VSEG2007@facsia.gov.au Freecall: 1800 183 374

### CAVEAT FOOTY TIPPING

Name	W1	W2	W3	W4
JIM	DOGS	EAGLES	POWER	SAINTS
SCOTT	BOMBERS	DOCKERS	DEMONS	SAINTS
RICK GLES	CATS	HAWKS	DEMONS	EA-
JAN	LIONS	CATS	POWER	DOGS
JOHN MONS	DOCKERS	EAGLES	HAWKS	DE-
DOUG	SWANS	DOCKERS	DEMONS	SAINTS
MICHAEL	MAGPIES	DOCKERS	CATS	SAINTS
SAMMY	CROWS	LIONS	SWANS	ROOS
JACK	DOCKERS	BOMBERS	DEMONS	TIGERS
QUENTIN	SWANS	TIGERS	HAWKS	SAINTS
DAVID	POWER	DOCKERS	CATS	SAINTS

### OBITUARY

Marg Hall (Yorston) 16/7/1931-3/6/07  
Marg lived at Kinross until her mother, Beth died when she was 2 yo. She then lived at Glentannar until Ken remarried Edna and they had Barbara (Ralph), Peter, John and Christine (Ardley). Marg spent many happy holidays in Highlands, staying at the McAlpin cottage on Yorston Road, which has since burnt down and been replaced by the pink house where Rebecca now lives.

### CAVEAT HISTORY

The founding fathers of Caveat were a pair of squabbling squatters who could not agree on where to put the back fence. This remote, disputed overlap of two huge squatting runs, with no regional identity of its own, became known as The Caveat and the name stuck. No-one ever bothered to come up with anything better. The phrase, 'The Caveat' still appears faintly on the big old mailbox that served the original homestead. Over time, the name has contracted. Some people pronounce it Cavy-it (they have probably done some Latin at school), others, like me, say Cavy-it. I love this name. It is quaint and quirky; an accident of history that has survived. It is unusual in that it honours no natural feature or long forgotten official from the Board of Works. For those in the know, it tells a story. For the casual passer-by, it poses a question and has them wondering. And it sums up the origins of white settlement here (and depending on your point of view, elsewhere as well) in one word.

By Stephen McDonald- Formerly of Highlands-Caveat from "Place names of Victoria" by Nigel Synnott

### Highland Pasture Demonstration Site Established

In conjunction with the Highlands Landcare Group, Wales Rural Traders has established a pasture demonstration site in Dropmore. Wales Rural acknowledges that there is a lot of good quality research material around but they feel that not much work has been done in the Highlands area.

The purpose of the demonstration site is to stimulate local debate about varieties, sowing times, weed and pest control, pasture management and, in so doing, improve pasture productivity in the region.

Michael Kopanica has been keen to see more productive land use in the area and has generously agreed to provide approximately one hectare of his property for the demonstration site.

Last week they planted out fourteen beds with different seed mixes. As news of the site has spread people have offered other suggestions and there is likely to be some more varieties added. There will be a number of open days at the site during the year with seed and chemical company specialists in attendance.



For more information on matters raised in this media release please contact Daryl Minter of Wales Rural Traders on 0400 032 663.

### Booking the Highlands Hall:

If you want to book the wonderful Highlands Hall for any meeting or event please contact Sue Peterson on 5797-6395 and she will look after you. Tables and chairs also for hire.



## Community What's On Calendar - June/ July/ August

Thursday 14 June	Playgroup shall be at Gaelyn's 10am -12 pm PH 5796 9306
Monday 18 June	Harmonic Singing - 7:30pm At Leonie's
Sunday 24th June	Highlands Ramblers. The NEXT WALK will be in the Highlands area. Meet at the Highlands Hall at 10.30 a.m. Enquiries to Peg Lade - 57 969222
Thursday 28 June	Playgroup at Leone's 10am -12pm 0500 500 088 New members most welcome
Saturday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Session 1 <b>"Picture Show Man"</b> 1977. In 1920s Australia a travelling showman brings moving pictures to country towns. Session 2 <b>"Newsfront"</b> 1978 A tribute to Australia's newsreel filmmakers. Yea Shire Chambers, open with drinks and nibbles at 6.30p.m. The first screening is at 7.00 p.m. after which we enjoy supper. The second film follows at around 8.30 p.m
Monday 6th August	Highlands Landcare Executive meeting, Jenny Webb's place, 7.30pm All welcome
Saturday August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Session 1 "Acquitted by the Sea"1940. An ultra short crime film with an ironic twist. "Paths of Glory" Stanley Kubrick's moving study of the insanity of war. Session 2 "An American in Paris"1951. Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron star in this musical built around a Gershwin score. Yea Shire Chambers, at 6.30p.m.
Saturday 25th August	RuffArtz "A Season of Saturdays" presents Sanfona. All shows begin at 8pm at the Ruffy Public Hall and delicious cakes and coffee are available at interval.
Friday 21st September	I know this is a bit ahead but it is not to be missed. The HCCC AGM and the theme is "Ten Things To Do With A Rabbit". There will be an opportunity for everyone to participate so mark it in your diary now.( Date especially chosen so weekenders can attend!)

### Gorse is a Weed of National Significance.

It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. It is a major agricultural weed in Tasmania and parts of Victoria, and is increasingly becoming a threat as an environmental weed in many national parks and other bushland areas.

### The weed

Gorse is a prickly, perennial, ever-green legume which, if left undisturbed, will grow to a height of more than 3 m. It produces deep and extensive roots. All its stems and leaves are prickly, ending in a sharp spine. The plant produces huge numbers of brown to black

seeds in grey hairy pods, each pod holding three or four seeds. The seeds have a hard, water-resistant coating which allows them to remain dormant in the soil for up to 30 years.

The small dark green leaves are stiff and covered with a waxy coat, which helps reduce water loss. Together with its deep root system, this feature enables gorse to flourish in areas with very low rainfall.

The bush is covered with bright yellow, pea-like flowers. In spring it is one of the first species to flower, and beekeepers believe it is an important source of pollen.

### Key points

Prevention is the most cost-effective means of weed control.

The key to controlling the spread of

gorse is to prevent flowering or at least reduce its ability to set seed.

Where gorse crosses property boundaries, any eradication efforts should be coordinated with neighbouring landholders to completely destroy all plants in the area and prevent reinfestation.

Tackle the small, outlying infestations first. This allows a bigger area of land to be cleaned up first and there will be less follow-up maintenance in these areas as the seedbank will be smaller.

