

# The Granite News

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## INTERVIEW WITH A LOCAL

Many of you will know JONO RUMBOLD, who lives at Highlands. He is currently the Treasurer of Highlands Landcare and Acting Communication Officer for the H/C CFA. Jono spent his childhood and early years in Melbourne. He was considerably younger than his 2 siblings, so he and his mates spent their spare time from Spring Road Primary School in Malvern "mucking about" in Gardiner's Creek on bikes, billy carts and roller skates. They were a pretty inquisitive and adventurous group, and explored storm water drains, put pennies on railway lines etc, while posting a sentry at corners of streets to warn of approaching cars. Jono says he was never a good student, but liked practical subjects. At about age 14, Jono and his friends established their own band, Jono playing drums, and later singing, all with considerable success. After finishing his secondary schooling at Melbourne Grammar, he spent 2 years at RMIT, doing Industrial Design, and then joined his father's jewellery business in Adelaide for several years, before returning to Melbourne. By this time, he was married with 2 children. Gradually, he became interested in computers and he began freelancing in writing programmes for big companies, such as CSIRO, CRA and ACI. Although one of Miranda's best friends was Jono's sister, Jono did not meet Miranda until his own marriage had broken up, and sometime after Miranda's husband, Pete Yorston, had died, leaving her alone with 2 very small children. So what a wonderful and fulfilling partnership and marriage they now have, with Jono continuing his very successful computing business from their home in Highlands and with the added interests of farming and all the practical skills that are needed. Their latest ad/venture is designing and planning a new and exciting house among the granite boulders and high hills of "Rockcliffe".

## WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.23

I haven't had any response for help with folding but I'm sure it's coming!. Can anyone help us on Friday mornings at 9am to fold the newsletter? It will be printed on Thursdays but is full much earlier so send me any information ASAP to avoid disappointment.

### Exercise class

Exercise classes will resume on the 7th August at 6.30pm at the Highlands Hall. Annette is happy to come up but as she drives all the way from Glenburn, it needs to be for more than a couple of people. It is hard in winter to make the effort, but well worthwhile so come and join us with your ball and feel the difference.

New regulations are in place for 1080 use and supply. Accredited **1080** retailers will be able to supply, not the DSE. 1/2 day ACUP endorsement course will have to be undertaken to use 1080. A DSE brochure has been posted outlining the changes. Call 1300101080. You will need your ACUP permit

## The Granite News Heading Competition

A number of people have commented on the heading of The Granite News and feel we could improve it so HAVE A GO. Leone Gabrielle has sent the first one, so it will head TGN next week. Let me know what do you think? Please send me your design and I'll print it. Please send any information to miranda @activ8.net.au

### Roadside Weeds

If you see any roadside weeds, please remember to write it down and ring Miranda on 57969261 or email her on miranda@activ8.net.au. It is definitely a case of a stitch in time saves nine and the less chemical we have to put out the better it is for the environment and our budget.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Building Learning Power

Our first focus for BLP this term is MAKING LINKS. When you are using this learning muscle you are: looking for connections between experiences or ideas, finding pleasure in seeing how things fit together, making patterns, connecting new ideas to how you think and feel and looking for memories that will give you a handle on something new and complicated. Some questions that encourage the use of this learning muscle are: How could it fit? Can you see any connections? What else do you know?

### Reading

We need some volunteers to listen to our students read. If you can help out please come on in, we'd love to see you!

### Staff Members

: This term we welcome Susan Bennett to our teaching team. Susan will be coming in on Wednesdays to prepare our students for the school production to be held on Friday 14th September. We also farewell Peter and Pauline Roberts. Peter has a full time teaching position at Seymour East Primary School for the term and will return to us again in Term 4 for PE, Science and Auslan. We wish Peter and Pauline all the best for this term. We also temporarily farewell Leone Gabrielle who has been volunteering almost each Tuesday morning to work with the Senior students on their mosaic birds and the beautiful blue fairy. Thanks to everyone for their wonderful commitment to our students!

### Booking the Highlands Hall:

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



## Classifieds & Community Notices

### PLANTING DAY

WHITEHEADS CREEK - Old Ghin  
Ghin road - 'The Basin'

Help would be appreciated at a  
PLANTING DAY.

Date: Sunday, August 12, 2007

Starting Time: 10am

Address: 768 Ghin Ghin Rd.

Suggested tools to bring: shovels,  
mattocks, hammers, trowels, Hamil-  
ton planters.

Lunch: BBQ lunch / refreshments  
provided by Landcare.

Clothing: Cold / wet weather clothing  
should be brought along in case it is  
needed.

Directions: Follow the signs from the  
Highlands Rd/ Kobyboyn Rd/ Ghin  
Ghin rd intersection.

Background: A selection of trees,  
shrubs, herbs and grasses are to be  
planted, to revegetate parts of the  
property, and to diversify and improve  
the native vegetation already present  
in others. Several areas are to  
be planted. Janet Hagen 57904268

### BITS of BOTANY and BIRDS

NODDING GREENHOOD ORCHID  
(*Pterostylis nutans*)

This is a good time to start looking for  
our native Greenhood Orchards. The  
leaves of the Nodding Greenhood are  
now appearing as a flat basal rosette,  
usually near trees in shaded areas.  
Each flower stem is 10cm + long and  
carries one nodding or drooping  
flower.

Rabbits and grazing stock will nip off  
the flowers as they appear, so I put a  
low fence of old netting, supported by  
wooden garden stakes, round any  
colonies I may find. There are several  
good colonies on our roadside (Lade  
Rd, Highlands). The flowers will ap-  
pear in August. It is well worth protect-  
ing these patches, as they are becom-  
ing more and more rare.



### "The Hard Yard - Stories of Farming Life"

A free DVD that tells the stories of  
farming families managing the pres-  
sures of drought is now available from  
the Department of Primary Industries.  
The Hard Yard is a credible source of  
options, alternative strategies and  
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with hands-on experience. The DVD is  
available from the DPI Drought Infor-  
mation Line on 136 186

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BreaCan is a state-wide information  
and support service for people  
affected by gynaecological cancers or  
breast cancer, their families and  
friends. BreaCan is located in central  
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BreaCan provides information and  
support to rural women in various  
ways including:

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corded on CD for women to borrow
  - \* A comprehensive resource library
  - \* Reply paid envelopes for returning  
library resources
  - \* Advanced breast cancer 'Here and  
Now' program available via teleconfer-  
ence
- BreaCan also encourages health pro-  
fessionals to utilise the service. You  
can refer women to the service while  
they have treatment in Melbourne or  
accompany a group of women on a  
bus trip and visit BreaCan for a  
day. Bus trips provide women with the  
opportunity to connect with other  
women and learn more about the ser-  
vices we offer. Previous bus trip par-  
ticipants wrote: 'Being in the country  
can be isolating and this service helps  
bridge the gap'.

### Keep Australia Beautiful Week

27 August - 2 September

Keep Australia Beautiful has been  
encouraging people all around Austra-  
lia to care for their local environment  
for over 30 years. Through its awards  
programs such as Tidy Towns, Sus-  
tainable Cities and CleanBeach Chal-  
lenge, local communities and individu-  
als are recognised for their achieve-  
ments in helping create sustainable  
communities. The theme of this year's  
week is "Save the World. Start at  
Home". To find out how you can get  
involved, visit the Keep Australia  
Beautiful website  
[www.kab.org.au/01\\_cms/details.asp?](http://www.kab.org.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=95)  
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### Highlands Landcare Group

Greetings Highlanders, its the turn of a  
new financial year and time for Land-  
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lands Landcare or Cash to Highlands  
Landcare Treasurer, 2848 Highlands  
Road, Highlands 3660.

Thanks in advance, Jono Rumbold  
57969344

### Subaru S/Sedan for Sale

DL (4WD) manual wagon, almost new  
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### Wanted! Port-a-Cot!

Take a Break Child Care starts 16th  
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We need 2 Port-a-Cots. Do you have  
one to donate to the Yea Community  
House? Contact Yea Community  
House 57973070

### Hire of Wine Glasses

HiArts have a quantity of wine glasses  
(250ml) and champagne flutes for hire  
to groups. \$4 per dozen plus break-  
ages. Available for groups and private  
functions. Phone 5796 9358

### For Sale

Toyota Camry station wagon, wide  
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months registration, good condi-  
tion, \$3,000. Phone Susan 57904338

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box and bottles out the front so you  
can pick them up at any time.



### Community What's On Calendar - August/September

Thursday 26th July	Playgroup Marissa's place 10-12 noon PH 57969360
Friday 27th July	National Tree Day - Statewide A day for all Australians to help the environment by planting native trees and shrubs at a Tree Day site in their local area. More information Visit the Planet Ark website < <a href="http://www.planetark.com.au/campaignspace.cfm/newsid/3/story.htm">http://www.planetark.com.au/campaignspace.cfm/newsid/3/story.htm</a> > .
Thursday 2nd August	HiArts Annual Meeting 7.30pm in the Highlands Hall. All are welcome. Why not also join "Friends of HiArts":- \$5 per adult pa \$1 for children up to and including 15 years
Friday 3rd August	Whole Farm Planning Course starting .Make sure your name is down. Ring Janet on 57904268
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 Gershwin score. Yea Shire Chambers, at 6.30p.m.
SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST	TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE REC RESERVE, 6PM FOR SHERRIES AND NIBBLES MEAT SUPPLIED, BYO DRINKS, \$15 PER PERSON, \$5 FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, PLEASE COULD YOU BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD, OR DESSERT? RSVP, WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST LU CRAVEN – 5790 4011 FRANCES LAWRENCE – 0432 324 929
Monday 13th Aug	Next scribblers' meeting, at .Adam's at 7.30pm
Sat. 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.
Saturday 25th August	HiArts – "Arts and Ideas Conversation"  HiArts will hold its first Arts and Ideas Conversation in the Highlands Hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Morning Tea and a light lunch will be served. Cost \$10 per person. These conversations will centre around the theme "What is Art (for)? A number of artists have been invited to present a sample of their work followed by informal discussion. There will be an opportunity to explore an aspect of the Highlands landscape. Participants are advised to include strong shoes/boots/ gum boots. Please register by phone 5796 9358 or email <a href="mailto:kadumbla@mac.com">kadumbla@mac.com</a> . All are welcome.
Sun 26th August	Highlands Ramblers Walk Highlands Hall 10.30am
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!)

#### Landcare Helicopter Spraying of Patterson's Curse

Most landholders in our catchment use Patons Aerial Services at Mansfield .

The pilot is David Empey 57 76 4343 Mobile 0418 694 334 [dvempey@yahoo.co.au](mailto:dvempey@yahoo.co.au) .The Rates quoted below for herbicide application are last year's but should give an indication of cost

Machine	Load Capacity	Area of Patto per load	\$ per load	\$ per ha for application not including herbicide
	30 litres per			
Bell JetRanger	400 litres	13 ha (32.5 ac)	\$495	\$38 ha
Robinson R22	100 litres	3.1 ha (7.75 ac)	\$116	\$37 ha small areas

Contact Miranda or Janet to be included in a group booking of the helicopter . Landcare gives a 50% subsidy all herbicides and wetting agents used to control patto . Landholders should deal directly with David Empey regarding recommended herbicides and wetting agents .



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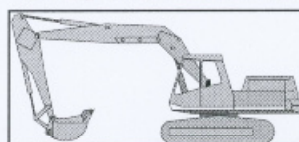
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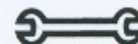
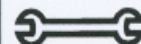
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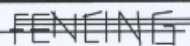
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