

The Granite News

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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. Let me know what do you think. Please send me your design and I'll print it. Make sure it is the same size as the existing one. Please send any information to miranda@activ8.net.au

INTERVIEW WITH THE WALLIS FAMILY

The first Wallis to arrive in Seymour was Henry Wallis. Born 1822 in England, he arrived in NSW in 1838 and Seymour 6 years later,

He married Mary Dempsey, and settled in Seymour and had 13 children. 9 living to adulthood. They took up land near the present High St and railway underpass, the township of Seymour then being on the river at Emily St. The present Wallis St being a reminder of this.

A great deal of information is known about other members of the family, the Wallis' who still live around Whitehead's creek today are the descendants of Henry(Harry) 6th born of Henry and Mary in 1855.

Harry married Annie Orme in 1890. Her father built Fairholme on the Kobyboyn Rd, where she grew up.

Harry was always a farmer. He leased The Pines, on the corner of Kobyboyn Rd and Wine Shanty Lane. He took up land at Eaglehawk and built a slab hut. He bought Warrawee land from the bank and brought the slab hut down so their children could go to school at Whiteheads Creek. He served as a Shire councillor.

Harry and Annie had 6 children, 3 reaching adulthood. These being Frank (B.1892), Alfred (B. 1895) and Louisa.(B 1900).
The families of Frank and Alfred live in

the area today. Both these went to WW1 and returned to farm. Frank stayed at Warrawee and Alfred moved to Fairholme (next door) where his mother had grown up.

Frank and Grace Married in 1924 and had 2 children, Robert (B1926) and Pauline. Bob has farmed at Warrawee all his life and still lives there, his son Tony lives in the Warrawee home- stead built by Harry and Annie in 1914.

Alfred farmed Fairholme all his life and lived there into his 90's. He married Marion Pater in 1922 and had 3 children Jean, Barbara and Jock.

Jock Wallis and Barbara Smith and their families still live in the district making their grandchildren the 6th generation, an impressive time span for any family in one area.

Of Barbara sons, Philip now has Fairholm and Greg runs 'Greenslopes' on the Goulburn River at Traawool

Jock spent some time up at Eaglehawk as a young man, rabbiting with a large pack of dogs. He tells of having to light a fire on the hill top each evening which his mother down at Fairholme could see and would know he was safe.

Jock married Margaret Briggs (Alexandra) in 1951 and moved into Eastwood, next door to Fairholme where they live today. Jock and Margaret have always been and still are very involved in many community activities. Jock and son Richard still run Eastwood along with Richard's farm 'Granite Hills' at Highlands.

This is the bare bones of the Wallis' story at Whitehead's Creek. As with all families, it is often the smallest details which are of most fascination.

WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.24

Still no response for help with folding. It will be printed on Thursdays but is full much earlier so send me any information ASAP to avoid disappointment.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building Learning Power: This week's focus is on questioning. Students will be looking at what makes good questions, the difference between questions and statements, open ended questions and how to use questions in their learning.

Junior Room Report: Last week we focussed on division. We had lots of division games and did some writing about winter. We used our making links muscles to makes links between division and multiplication.

Senior Room Report: Last week we went to Yea Library to see Doug McLeod. He writes books such as Spikey, Spunky My Pet Monkey and a book of funny fairytales. Doug also writes scripts for Kath & Kim and Sea Change. He gave us a great insight into the world of books and being a script writer and read some of his very funny poetry.

A very special thankyou to The Friends of The Yea Library who gave us a copy of Doug's latest book called "Kevin the Troll". We are already reading it as a class novel

Regional Director's Visit: Last Wednesday saw Stephen Brown, Hume Regional Director and Jan Gregory, Seymour Network Senior Education Officer come to HPS to meet with a group of students, teachers, parents and community members to discuss our fantastic school with a particular focus on leadership. The school captains took them on an extensive tour of the school before all 13 people enjoyed an afternoon tea and some very direct conversation around the teaching & learning and leadership in our school. This meeting formed part of Allyson's Contract Renewal process, which happens every 5 years for all Victorian Government school principals.

Classifieds & Community Notices

Quickchecks – step by step guide for wool managers

An initiative of the Land Water and Wool program, Quickchecks is a step by step guide that helps wool producers work out the condition of native vegetation, biodiversity and river health on-farm. It then assists them to choose management options that maintain or improve that condition and meet their goals for the property. It also provides tools to measure health of pastures, soils, woody vegetation, farm watercourses, paddock production levels and birds. Free copies can be ordered at www.landwaterwool.gov.au

Babysitter

Required for 3 yr old 1 to 2 days per week between school hours, work from your house or mine. Call 03 57904297

BITS of BOTANY and BIRDS

I've had a number of interesting bird sightings this week, the most unusual being a BASSIAN THRUSH crossing the road near Wattle Hill at Highlands. This is a plump brownish bird a bit bigger than a blackbird, and with dark, half-moon shaped patterns on its whitish front. It skulks in undergrowth or stands motionless, and is very hard to see. This bird is also called White's Thrush or Mountain Thrush.

On our Ramble on Hughes Creek on Sunday, someone with sharp eyes noticed a SOUTHERN BOOBOOK OWL perched on a very high branch of a Eucalypt tree. It obligingly stayed very still, only moving its head from side to side as if to say "What on earth are you doing here in my remote and beautiful gorge"!



SPOTLIGHT ON JACK

Name: Jack Andrew Mitchell
Birthday: 26/1/1995
Eye Colour: Hazel
Fav Food: Pasta
Fav Colour: blue
Fav Sport: Motocross
Fav People: Mick & Elliot
Pet Hate: Ford
Loves: Motor bikes
Dream Job: Mechanic
Fav Thing: My motor bike
Fav Place: Queensland



Subaru S/Sedan for Sale

DL (4WD) manual wagon, almost new tyres, reconditioned engine, carefully serviced, registration November. \$1800 or best offer. 5796 9358

Wanted! Port-a-Cot!

Take a Break Child Care starts 16th July in the newly renovated Yea Children's Centre, 4 sessions per week. We need 2 Port-a-Cots. Do you have one to donate to the Yea Community House? Contact Yea Community House 57973070

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

We were lucky to have another glorious sunny day for our walk on 23rd July, along Hughes Creek from Dropmore to Glen Lyon. 19 adults and 2 children took part, and there was so much of interest all the way, that we had to abandon my ambitious plan to go up The Peak after lunch. We've got another ambitious plan to try and organise a camp somewhere on the Creek for an end-of year function. Anyway, keep the last weekend in November free. Lachie has already sampled one rock pool, with a sandy beach, as a summer swimming hole!

Thanks to Sammy Strong for leading the walk, and to Doug for helping ferry people back to their cars.

Ruffy Store News

SEASON

Frost, rain and wind and SNOW on the 17th of July. Sunshine on the hills piercing the misty mornings. With oats and fodder crops now sown the springs are re-charging, dams are filling and we are awash with green. Orchards and vineyards are being pruned.

NEW

Le nouveau pièce de fonction avec le fait d'enfoncer dans la tête et bar. The new bar, dining and function room is now open (English is far less pompous than French). We have opened the new area with some haste as our under cover space in winter had reached its capacity for comfortable dining. As well as a lavish Blue gum and Ash bar, fireplace and dinning room we can now offer a separate area for any function, gathering or group and a more spacious area for our weekend diners. There will be further works to finish to these rooms and an outdoor paved area "Verandah de Smoko" for Spring.

Neil, the co-publisher of this newsletter, has been watching far too much of le Tour de France.

For sale: Farm fresh Extra-Virgin olive oil

Available direct from your local grower. Fresh olive oil bares no relation to the bulk oils sold in supermarkets. We have excess to our requirements for \$15 per 500mL bottle. Contact Maro on 5796 9363 or D.Delfrate@latrobe.edu.au, if you wish to experience the difference.

Vermicast Liquid

It is made out of worm castings. \$2.00 per bottle, dilute 1 part to 10, 600ml bottle. Put it on your garden and watch the plants go whoosh. Available from the Ruffy Store. There's an honesty box and bottles out the front so you can pick them up at any time.

Exercise class

Exercise classes will resume but the date is not set as Annette has a number of other commitments. It will still be 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. And join us with your ball and feel the difference.

Community What's On Calendar - August/September	
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
Thursday August 2nd	Waterwatch Monitors Workshop : Goulburn Broken Waterwatch Team at CMA Office Yea , Conference Room , 11am to 1 pm Lunch provided. Guest Speaker : Fern Hames , Native Fish Strategy Coordinator . New monitors welcome .RSVP Kirsten Hogan 0439 334 557 montaction@iinet.au
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 th	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 kadumbla@mac.com. All are welcome.
Sun 26th August	Highlands Ramblers Walk .NEXT WALK will be following Kopanica Creek from Antcliffe's Chase to the Dropmore Mineral Springs. Meet at Highlands Hall at 10.30 am , or at Antcliffe's Chase front gate at 10.45. Enquiries to Peg Lade 57 969222.
August 31-Sep 3 .	Euroa Community Cinema— "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" Fri & Sat 8pm . Sunday 4pm
Saturday 8th September	Basic Cheese Making Course - Back by popular demand -in this day workshop you can make your own cheddar, wensleydale,fetta,parmesan,gouda or haloumi cheese! Just bring an ice cream container so that you can take your finished product home .Times : 10am - 3 pm Cost :\$70 (includes lunch)Venue :Euroa Community Education Centre. Contact : 57 952 777
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 .

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 .