

The Granite News

Ruffy
Caveat
Highlands
Terip Terip
Hughes Creek
Whiteheads Creek

An end to Secret Women's Business, men are invited too.

This job is looking up! I contacted Megan Hollick as I heard that she had started a new business in Yea and The Granite News likes to promote new businesses in our area. I suggested that she could write an article and I would be happy to include it in our newsletter.

Megan thought it would be better if I wrote the article and to do this I was forced to spend a generous hour enduring a full body massage and a clay facial. You guessed it, I was in heaven. I came out feeling so relaxed, with my skin feeling dehydrated and more supple.

Megan has had 25 years experience as a nurse, mainly in aged care. She completed an Aromatherapy Diploma in January 2006 and hasn't looked back. She has a room at Marmalades Café in Yea and also works from her home in Seymour. Megan has very flexible hours as she is well aware that many of us have limited free time. She is available 7 days a week but by appointment only.

Megan also makes a range of natural skin care range for men and women.

Indulgence Vouchers are available and make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Call Megan to order one or drop into Marmalades Cafe and just ask Ingrid at the counter. Megan offers a number of treatments including facials, foot treatments, back massages, all using essential oils.

Phone for an appointment:
57990284 or 0417314559

Email info@metier-a.com.au
www.metier-a.com.au

Megan has kindly offered a gift voucher to Highlands Primary School as part of their next raffle, thanks



WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.33

Thank you again to Jan Gardner and her very kind mother, Gwen Davies for folding for the past 2 weeks. Mavis Cook has kindly offered to fold once a month so that will be wonderful. Please send any articles, advertisements etc to miranda@activ8.net.au. My message for the week, back up your computer NOW! Mine crashed totally and we realised we hadn't backed up since last March. Fortunately, after 2 long days work by Jono and putting the hard disc drive in and out of the freezer a couple of times, we were able to recover this newsletter but not much else, oh dear.....

YOUNG ENCOURAGED TO ENROL TO VOTE

YOUNG Victorians aged 18 years and over are being encouraged to ensure they are enrolled to vote so they don't miss out on having their say in the coming federal election.

The Member for Seymour, Ben Hardman said changes to electoral deadlines made by the Howard Government could potentially restrict thousands of people from casting their votes, so it is important for eligible young Victorians enrol to vote or update their enrolment details.

"In the past, people enrolling for the first time and those re-enrolling had up to a week once an election was called to complete their enrolment and now they may now only have one day," Mr Hardman said.

"As of April this year only half of Australia's 18-year-olds were listed on the electoral roll. Many young and first time voters or those who have moved out of home may not have thought about enrolling or updating enrolment details."

These changes may disenfranchise thousands of young people who are not enrolled to vote at the time of the election but have reached voting age.

For more details on enrolment deadlines, or to check your details, visit the Australian Electoral Commission website at www.aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26.

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NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Investing in our schools programme:

HPS has been successful in the latest round of IOS to the tune of \$89,608. This money is divided into the following areas: \$48,350 for ICT and Computer equipment, \$18,745 for the construction of a storage shed and \$22,513 for the purchase and installation of fitness equipment. This is a large amount of money that will make a significant impact on educational outcomes for our students. Allyson is working closely with David Granzo who is an ICT specialist, Ron and Nick Ridd who are builders from Seymour and Omnitech who are fitness equipment providers, to ensure the timely expenditure of this money!

End of Term Award Winners: Junior Room

Home Learning- Kendall, John, Daniel, Imogen
Spelling- John, Walter, Laura, Imogen, Kassie
Tables- John, Walter, Laura
Reading- Kaylam, Kendall, Emillie
Counting- Kendall, Emillie, Kaylam

Senior Room

Home Learning-Michael, Kelly, Jack H, Yasmine, Ariel, Elliot
Spelling-Kelly, Michael, Ariel
Tables-Jack H, Kelly, Elliot, Ariel

Term 4 Curriculum:

Student and staff are looking at the theme of SPACE in Term 4. Students have discussed their current knowledge of this topic and created questions and wonders to be explored. Many exciting events have been planned including a family science evening on November 29th and a trip to the Planetarium.

John and Walter absorbed on the Elf Book Walk



Classifieds & Community Notices

Getting Close to Goulburn Broken's Native Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands

Efforts are underway this Spring to improve the health and image of native grasslands and grassy woodlands in the Goulburn Broken area.

Eleven native grasslands and grassy woodlands will be investigated in the next few months as part of a monitoring project undertaken by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA).

"Techniques such as light grazing by sheep, burning in Spring and Autumn, and herbicide control of weeds, are currently employed by land managers with limited monitoring to assess their effectiveness," DSE Biodiversity Officer, Gaye Furphy, said.

Information gathered from this project, which includes both qualitative and quantitative floristic data such as native and exotic plant species cover, will provide useful feedback to land managers who are responsible for the management of the grasslands and woodlands.

Ms Furphy said native grasslands and grassy woodlands are often overlooked as they sometimes grow on small reserves such as roadsides and rail reserves, or are managed for agricultural production.

"Often, farmers and the general community are unaware of their true conservation significance," she said.

About 1 per cent of native grasslands and grassy woodlands exist today (in Victoria). They have been extensively cleared and modified for farming because they are naturally treeless or have few trees, and are located on flat ground to gentle slopes. More than half of all threatened species of plants and animals in Victoria are found in these vegetation communities. While they do not look spectacular for most of the year, they come alive in Spring and Summer with a beautiful show of wildflowers and native grasses.

Should you wish to find out more about this project, or would like to make an appointment for a private inspection of an area of native grassland or grassy woodland, please contact Gaye Furphy at the Benalla DSE Office on 57611662.

Free to good home: x1 young bantam rooster. Beautiful colours. Ring Natalie on 5797 3015

For Sale

Calf puller \$ 75.00.
Single tyne ripper / pipe layer \$250.
Phone (after 6 pm) 5790 4225.

HELP

HPS is looking for a community member who has some skill and interest in the area of digital photography to assist us with our school photos. We are looking for someone who is able to take the photos as well as 'jazz' them up a little through Photoshop or a similar program. Remuneration is negotiable with Principal for time, materials and expertise. If this might be you please contact Allyson on 57 969208.

Highlands Landcare AGM Agenda

7.15pm Drinks and dips.
7.45pm David Middleton speaking about his experiences as senior vet at Healesville
8.45pm AGM
Brief report by Jenny Webb on the yearNotice of Motion - 2 year appointments rather than 1 year terms for greater continuity and efficiency
General Business
Hand over to Michael Kopanica to run election. Of 7 members of the Executive Committee.
Tea and coffee

Request for all Ramblers

As the Ramblers come under Highlands Landcare for insurance purposes Peg and Pauline thought that maybe a display of a few of the photos from the walks would be good at the AGM. So Ramblers could you please bring along a few of your photos of any walks for display purposes at the AGM and Pauline will make sure that there is a display board and pins available for everyone to enjoy the visuals. If you have digital photos, please send them to Miranda to include in the power point display that will be on during the evening. If they are too big to send by email, pop them on a CD and send to Miranda Yorston, 2848 Highlands Road, Highlands 3660, many thanks.

Exercise Class

There will be no exercise classes during the school holidays, but they start again on Monday 8th October. It is not strenuous but great for stretching and improving your flexibility. Come and join us and give it a try.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

WHITE WINGED TRILLER

An unusual bird for here is the White-winged Triller. It migrates North in the winter, and a female has just re-appeared in my garden, where it seems to be very happy. It is a smallish, mostly brown and white bird, about the size and shape of a Pipit. The male is black and white, but unfortunately, there does not seem to be a possible mate. For me, the distinguishing mark of the female is a strong black streak through the eye.



Male at his nest

Transfer Station Review

Murrindindi Shire Council's is reviewing into the operation and management arrangements at its five Waste Transfer Station sites located at Alexandra, Eildon, Kinglake, Marysville and Yea. As part of its review, Council has resolved to undertake community consultation in relation to the opening hours at these sites.

Currently, all five Waste Transfer Station sites operate 19 hours per week, with all sites open at the following times:

Monday, 10am - 12 noon

Wednesday, 1pm - 3pm

Friday, 10am - 12 noon

Saturday, 9am - 4pm

Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Persons interested in providing feedback into the operating hours of Council's Waste Transfer Station sites can do so until 31 October 2007 via a Survey/Feedback Form available from your nearest Council Office, Waste Transfer Station site or from Council's website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au. For further information, please contact Council's Coordinator Waste Management, Darren Ritchie, on 5772 0333.

Community What's On Calendar—October/November	
Week beg 1st Oct	Terip Terip mowing roster Roger & Sandy Eddy, Mark Ireland, Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
Thursday 4th Oct	Terip Terip tennis training commences – 6.00pm. All welcome
5th October	Highlands Landcare AGM 7.30pm Highlands Hall. Guest speaker is David Middleton, who was the senior vet at Healesville Sanctuary and established the interactive animal hospital. He will be talking about this and other general wildlife care topics. All welcome. Notice of Motion "That positions on the Executive committee be for 2 years instead of one year"
5 th October	Coming events at Ruffy Store First Friday Dinner. Will be our first BBQ for the year if weather OK.
Saturday 6th October	CFA Family Day at Rochford Wines 11-5 FREE! RSVP 28th September Special guests include Joe Camilleri & the Black Sorrows, Deborah Conway and Briana Lee Band.If interested in going, tickets are limited please ring Pauline 57969301
8th October	Next meeting of Scribblers, Leone 0500500088. All welcome
Monday, 8th October	ELECTORATE OF MCEWEN CANDIDATE FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE 7.30pm to 9.30pm Yea Shire Hall The Murrindindi Climate Network invites you to attend a public candidate forum on climate change for the Federal Electorate of McEwen
WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER	Magic of Laughter Series - FREE Euroa Cinema – Bury Street, Euroa Presented by The Australian Unity Retirement Living. The Beneficial Aspects of Positive Humour in Our Lives with Don Jones At 2pm – 3pm followed by afternoon tea Contact: Mary or Kaz. Ph: 5795 0001 Freecall : 1800 635 956 - Bookings Essential Violet Town Honeysuckle Creek Walk Go for Your Life 10am Seniors Walk along the creek to the Violet Town Market where you can rest and listen to music by PJ Bronson (country singer) before heading to the Violet Town Community Supper Rooms for Devonshire Tea and music. Presented by CWA. Contact: Mary Bourke 5795 0001 or Pam Ellis Mob: 0418 571 419 for details FREE for Walkers!! All Welcome Quilt Exhibition - FREE By June Gilchrist. Violet Town Community Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm
Thurs 11th October	Special Highlands/Caveat CFA meeting 7.30 at the Highlands Hall
Mon 22 Oct	(4th Mon Month) Harmonic Singing at Leone's All welcome 0500 500 088
Thursday 25th October	Waterwatch Spring Bug Surveys with Glenda Woods Learn more about aquatic invertebrates with our local expert. 9.00am Hughes Creek at Picnic Ground number 1 .Hughes Creek Rd . Just off the bitumen coming from Seymour . Sunday 28th October (tentative date)1.00pm Creighton Creek at John Nielsen's property 3.00pm Creighton Creek at Jim Shovelton's property These dates/times may change slightly, so if you are thinking of joining me, please ring and let me know on either my home phone 57972417 or my mobile 0428321545. Bring gum boots or waders, reading glasses if you use them, a hat, blockout etc .Helpers always welcome .Look forward to catching up with some of you at some of the places listed above.
Friday 16th & Saturday 17th November	Spring is sprung, The grass is riz Time for some more Mad Hatters' biz! Yes it's on again! Another Mad Hatters' production written by the prolific, the entertaining, the amazing Susan Bennett. When: performances on - mark your calendars now. Where: the usual 'theatre' Highlands Hall. What: "Life with Kiri" Kiri being a spoilt, middle-aged cat! Good fun, good food (BYO) good company. Tickets available soon.
26th October	Highlands Landcare General meeting, The Limnology students from La Trobe University have offered to take community members to the bogs to show their findings. Meet at the Highlands Hall at 3.30pm This will be followed by a BBQ Dinner at 6pm, meat and bread provided, bring a salad to share. BYO plate, cutlery and drinks. The talk by Tammy Weaver on Underground water will start at 7pm. The La Trobe students will then give a formal presentation at 8pm and are happy to answer any questions. Ring Jenny Webb PH 57969236 if you need more information. Please come and support this interesting evening.
1st November	HCCC Exec Meeting Whiteheads Creek Hall, next to CFA shed 8.00pm. All welcome, come along and hear all the exciting activities that this group is involved in, it is a really dynamic group and an easy way to find out what Landcare is doing for you.
19th November	Highlands Landcare Executive Meeting Time. 8pm Location. Jenny Webb's. All welcome
Friday 14th Dec	Highlands Community Christmas Breakup. Format to be decided. Put the date in your diaries.