

# The Granite News

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Caveat  
Highlands  
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Hughes Creek  
Whiteheads Creek

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

ANDREW and SHARYN SHAW are two well known people in Highlands - Andrew is First Lieutenant of HCRFB, and Sharyn is the Treasurer. Sharyn is also on the Highlands School Council.

Andrew is the son of Bernie and Norma Shaw, and lived in Gum Road for his early life. He attended Highlands Primary School, then Yea High School. As a teenager, he was given lots of freedom to roam the countryside, mainly shooting foxes and rabbits. The result is that he probably knows every boulder and burrow for miles around, and developed a deep and abiding love for the land. He became a competent horseman, and competed successfully in local shows and gymkhanas. Andrew then became an electrician's apprentice in Melbourne, and says he hated every minute of it. One day he walked into a bank, and fell in love with the beautiful girl teller - Sharyn, whose early life was spent in Finley. They married in 1995, and lived in Yea for a while, Andrew working at various gravel quarries. The next move was to Shepparton, where Andrew got more experience with big machinery, and Sharyn worked in banking. Then it was with great optimism, foresight and debt, they bought their excavator and a property at Caveat.

A few years of major adversity followed - serious health problems for both, loss of a child, and financial worries, but never forgetting to work together and continue a tradition of hospitality to all.

Recently, they sold the first property well, and bought a small vineyard and 115 acres on Gum Road and cleared all debt. They have 3 children, whose great grandparents were William and Nell Lade, (selectors at Highlands in the 1880s).

Sharyn does office work for Habbies Howe and the Ruffy Store, and Andrew says she does more hard physical work on the new property than he does. Andrew's excavator is fully occupied with rabbit tripping, cleaning out dams, building new ones, and making beautiful farm roads. A new cricket pitch on the Gum Road property will ensure the future of the all-important local cricket matches.

Andrew and Sharyn provide a wonderful example of faith in themselves, hard work, and optimism for the future.

**CFA has declared the Summer Fire Season from Monday 12th November. Fire restrictions are NOW in force. If you have burnt windrows this year that you are at all concerned about, please contact John 57969304."**

Highlands/Caveat RFB will be holding its annual Reconnaissance Day on Sunday 18th November. So come along and discover some of the hidden and spectacular places in your neighborhood. Departing from the Hall at 10am, BYO picnic lunch and all associated paraphernalia. Non-CFA members participate at their own risk, and any damage done to vehicles is also the owner's responsibility. 4WD vehicles recommended, but tracks are 2WD accessible. Discover the impressive Switzerland Range and the meandering Goulburn River. Any inquiries ring Andrew 57904297.

## WEEDS

John Hammond will be out spraying weeds on our roadsides again. Please mark any weeds on your roadside to make it easier and quicker for him. Green fluoro tape is available from Janet Hagen, Ruffy Store and at Highlands Primary School, just pop in and collect a roll.

## Happy habitats in Highlands

Pauline and Peter Roberts organized a very successful meeting of land owners along the Old Highlands Road. They have put together a submission for funding of tree/understorey planting and fencing in their properties to create a wildlife corridor. This will eventually link up with the Habbies valley and Switzerland Ranges. Janet Hagen, the HCCC facilitator explained how the funding works for the LEEF program and explained what the group needs to do to receive assistance.

## Bandicoot Project

Jenny Webb has taken up the coordinating role for the Bandicoot project, which is being managed by the HCCC, more on that project soon.

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## WELCOME TO ISSUE NO.38

Please send any articles, advertisements to [mentsetctomiranda@activ8.net.au](mailto:mentsetctomiranda@activ8.net.au).

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Senior Room:

Tables: Elliot, Ariel  
Spelling: Ariel, Kelly

### Junior Room:

Home Learning: Imogen, Emillie, Kaylam, Laura  
Spelling: John, Daniel, Cuchulainn  
Reading: Emillie

During a writing session this week, students were asked to complete a piece of creative writing under the title of 'My Trip into Space'. Specific words were nominated that had to be found somewhere in the story - here is Laura's writing.

### My Trip into Space

On Wednesday 24th of October 2007 I left Earth and went into space. My first stop was Uranus. It was very cold but I survived. Then I went to Neptune. Neptune is very interesting because the rocks float away, because there is no gravity in space. Next I went to the sun. It was very, very, very hot! I had to put a satellite in place. It was hard but I did it. For the last night I stayed at a space station. The next day I went home to Earth. I had the most extraordinary holiday in space.

## BLP TALKS

Senior students were asked to give talks on different learning muscles. One of these muscles is

### MAKING LINKS.

This involves seeing connections between disparate events and experiences - building patterns - weaving a web of understanding.



# Classifieds & Community Notices

## 2007 Strathbogie Ranges Wine Show Dinner and Celebration

The 2007 Strathbogie Ranges Wine Region Show Dinner and Celebration is being held at the Ruffy Public Hall on Friday, December 7 from 7pm.

The Show specifically focuses upon the wines made from grapes grown within the Strathbogie Ranges and was established in 2001 to aid in improving the standards and showcase the wonderful wines from these granite-strewn hills and valleys.

The Region has been blessed for the fourth consecutive year with the presence of the world-renowned James Halliday as our Chairman of Judges. As a Founder of the Brokenwood and Coldstream Hills wineries, James has been responsible for a couple of the most reputable boutique wineries in the country.

He states that there is excellent potential for the region, saying that "the region is relatively young in grape-growing terms, but year by year the quality of the wines continues to grow, and we can look forward to even better wines being made and the region grows and builds its capacity... it seems highly probable that two of the most successful varieties will continue to be Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. These have all the varietal character one could wish for and should have the broadest market appeal, both in Australia and overseas."

As well as announcing the awarded wines from the judging earlier in the day, a wonderful meal is being prepared by the team at the Ruffy Produce Store that will be accompanied by award-winning wines from the region. Once the meal is over and the formalities complete, it will then be time for everyone to celebrate this wonderful region and look forward to a successful 2008 with the Year Hands getting everyone up and dancing.

Tickets for the Dinner are \$90.00 per head and with a limit of 80 places; it is advised that bookings be made as early as possible. Further, a courtesy bus will be running from Euroa to Ruffy, picking up attendees along the way. Should you wish to attend and make use of the bus, please make this known when making your booking.

For bookings or further details, please contact Cameron Atkins, Secretary of the Strathbogie Ranges Wine Region on 0428340545, 0357985563

## Wanted

Part time picker for 5 days a week for approx 4 to 5 hours, approx for 4 months starting beginning of November, picking Lebanese cucumbers and some general work. Contact 57969315 after 7pm

## Join Environment Victoria and friends for the launch of Your River: Goulburn River.

6-8pm, Friday November 16

Environment Victoria's Your River project is an online story - telling feature, profiling people who love and care for their local waterways.

Story-tellers include: Nagami winery manager, Alistair Purbrick; champion kayaker, Dianne Brown; Wyuna dairy farmer, Russell Pell; Toolamba Primary School student, Jayden Archie; Murrindindi landowners, John and Cheryl Clark; and Seymour teenager, Sheridan Kennedy.

Evening includes wine and finger food on the Wetlands Café balcony, plus guest speakers, displays and the launch of Environment Victoria's publication Water for Rivers: Goulburn. Admission free, all welcome!

Please RSVP to Fleur Baldi, Tel: 5820 1107, Email: fleur.b@gbcma.vic.gov.au. Tabilk Winery is located at 254 O'Neils Road, Tabilk via Nagambie. Melways Map 610M3

## BITS OF BOTANY

**SICKLE GREEN HOOD ORCHID** (*Pterostylis furcata*, or *falcata*) is easily recognized by its size - stem to 30 cms, and flowers are large, single and sickle-shaped. It seems to enjoy growing in wet soaks and swamps, and can form quite large colonies. It is flowering now, so have a look in your swamps and you might be surprised.



## Grazing and Biodiversity in Native Pastures Field Day

Friday 23rd November, 2007  
Bonnie Doon, 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Dorotational grazing systems favour native biodiversity? How does grazing management influence native flora and fauna diversity?  
Guest Speakers: Tony Sargeant, landholder - Discussing their property plan and motivation.  
Josh Dorrough, CSIRO Canberra - Discussing rotational grazing and role of grazing and fertiliser on native plant composition and tree recruitment.  
Jacqui Stoll CSIRO Canberra - Discussing grazing, ground layer habitat structure, scattered trees and fauna.  
Jim Moll, GBCMA - Green Graze program. Where: 650 Glen Creek Road, 'Eagle Ridge', Bonnie Doon From Mansfield, travel along Maroonah Hwy towards Bonnie Doon, turn right into Lockharts Rd, which runs into Glen Creek Road, property is 6 kms from the highway.  
Lunch Provided RSVP for catering: Wednesday 21 - Nov-07, Contact Jim Begley (james.v.begley@dpi.vic.gov.au, 0357611574)

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## Cricket.

We are planning to play cricket at the Hume and Hovell Ground at Strath Creek ([www.humeandhovell.com.au](http://www.humeandhovell.com.au)) on Saturday 22nd February 2008. The cost for the day is \$55 head which includes Lunch and tea and you have to have your own whites. This is a unique cricketing experience. Please contact either Doug Mclean 57904387 or Scott McKay 57969259.

## Community What's On Calendar—November/December

Weekbeg12thNov	TeripTeripmowingroster John&KayeAshton,Max&JoanEddy BothsidesofSpringsRoadandall4courts
Friday 16 November	Award-winning singer, guitarist, songwriter and historian Dan McKinnon from the Canadian Maritimes, an area rich in the musical and cultural traditions of the North Atlantic. His warm baritone voice, superb guitar arrangements and original compositions have won this native Nova Scotian wide-spread praise. 7.30pm @ Ruffy Store Tickets \$10 or \$25 dinner and a show. Bookings 5790 4387
Friday16th& Saturday17th November	Yesit'sonagain!AnotherMadHatters'productionwrittenbytheprolific,theentertaining,theamazing SusanBennett.When:performanceson -markyourcalendarsnow.Where:theusual'theatre'Highlands Hall.What:"LifewithKiri"Kiribeingaspoilt,middle -agedcat!Goodfun,goodfood(BYO)goodcompany. Tickets\$7.50adult/\$5.00child/\$20.00family  ForBookingscontactPaulinePH57969301 <b>Catsdon'thavemasters,theyhavestaff</b>
Sunday18thNov	RockyPassesCellarDoorOpenSundays11am -4pm
Sunday18th November	Highlands-CaveatCFAREconnaissanceDay Agreatdayout"discovering"theneighbourhood.Seefrontpagefordetails.
19thNovember	HighlandsLandcareExecutiveMeetingTime.8pmLocation.JennyWebb's.Allwelcome
23rdNovember,2007	HiArtsCommunityConversation(BYOSketchingMaterials)HighlandsHallStartingwithaBBQat 6.30pm(BYOmeat)RSVPMarcia57969256(Ravereviewsabouttheirlastsessionsodon'tmissit) Refertothewebsiteforfurtherinformation:www.hiarts.org
24-25thNovember	<b>HIGHLANDSRAMBLERS</b> areholdinganovernightcampon,onWoolshedCreek,upstreamof Dropmore.Redflagswillshowyouthewayfromagateonthesouthsideoftheroad,oppositeDropmore Homestead.ArriveearlyafternoonontheSaturday,leavemid -afternoononSunday. Wewillcampinasheltered,flatspotbesideabigpoolonthecreek.Twogoodwalksareplanned,leavingfromcamponSaturdayafternoon,andonSundaymorning(say,9am). BYOabsolutelyeverything,goodwaterinthecreek.Nopets,butbringyourchildren.PleaseringPeg Lade -57969222 -toadviseofyourintentions.Cancelled,ifTOTALFIREBAN.
Saturday24th November	BlackJackareanononsenseHardRockin'CoverbandplayingthebestClassicPubRockfromallera's AlwaysLIVEandAlwaysLOUD!!!BlackJackcametogetherin2005withtheideaofperformingthe songthatnooneplayedanymore.Asagrouptheydecidedtofocuseonaformulathatwassimple -ifit rockeditwasgood.Inthisdayandageit'srarethatyougetabandandthisgoodthatstillhaspassion andthespiritofarockscenethatisalltooftenlacking.  HearthemliveatTheWhiteHartHotel3.00 -7.00pmFreeEntry
Sunday25th November	" <b>TraceyDay</b> willbevisitingHighlandswithherfamilyonSundayat11.30am. ABBQlunchisbeing suppliedbythebrigadewithlightrefreshments. Informaldressisrequestedbyallthoseattending. JennyWebbishandlingthecatering PH57969236ifyoucanattend/assistwithcatering. by 14.11.07. PeterCreakfromRegion willalsobeattendingwithhiswife. <b>WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeBrigade</b> havealsobeeninvited.CouldanymembersofWhiteheads CreekBrigadealsoringJennyiftheyareabletohelpwithcatering.
Thursday6thDec	AnotherpreseasonHighlands -caveatCFAmeeetingattheHighlandsHallat7.30pm.Allwelcome.
Sunday9th December	DanEnglandwontheheartsofthenationwithhissoulfulandangelicvoice,dreadlockedhairstyleand warmcharismatobecomeoneofthemostpopularfinalistsofAustralianIdol. DanhasnowcompletedhissecondEP"TheDeconstructionofDanEngland."CollaborationswithJeff LangandMichaelStangelhavemadethisEPsomethingyoumaynotexpect. Ittreadsthelineofrock&blueswithhonestyanddesperationineverylyricandnote.Hearitliveat TheWhiteHartHotel,63HillStreet,Longwood,36653.00 -7.00pmFreeEntry t:03 -5798-5203e:white.hart@bigpond.com
Friday14thDec	HighlandsCommunityChristmasBreakup.Formatto bedecided.Putthedateinyourdiaries.



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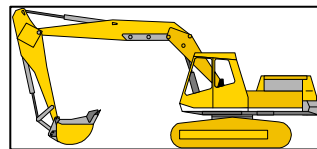
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