



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Film Festival Red Carpet Opening

The red carpet was out for those who attended the opening to the HiArts Family Film Festival. Groucho and Harpo Marx turned up to sign autographs at the screening of their classic "Duck Soup". The guests, as requested, came dressed outrageously; some quite unrecognizable. Don McQueen, the well known balladeer, entertained the group with some classic Australian poetry. 'The Man from Snowy River' really came to life, showing that poetry is meant to be spoken not just read.

It was a great beginning to the inaugural HiArts Film Festival. The weather was perfect, Highlands was looking the best it has been in a decade and people enjoyed the convivial atmosphere.

Saturday saw the screening of the Australian favourites, 'Babe' and 'Storm Boy'. Later several continental films, the classic Swedish film "Hugo and Josephine"; a study of the lives of two young children and the more recent French film 'Amelie'; the story of a young woman's search for love and meaning. Those with real film stamina viewed Hitchcock's 'Vertigo' late into the night.

Sunday began with the old Australian classic, 'Bush Christmas' and later the award winning 'Malcolm', the story of an eccentric mechanical genius. One of the features of Sunday's viewing was a number of Australian short films; some quite challenging.

While the main focus was on film, there was a photographic exhibition featuring local photographers and generally local themes. The children from Highlands Primary School showed their photographic skills. Outside Darren Gilbert displayed some of his characteristic recycled metal and timber sculptures. As in past years many also took the opportunity to view Dennis Spiteri's 'Prometheus' series in his studio.

The winners of the HiArts Senior Student Art Prizes for 2010 were Kate Steele (Seymour College) and Jackson Wolstencroft (Yea Secondary College) who showed some very creative and though provoking work. It was such good weather that people lingered long over food and drink to the gentle sounds of Adele Heritage's harp, and children showed off their painted faces thanks to the artistic skills of Philip Wischer. It was a great weekend with the only disappointment the lack of numbers.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 8

Please send articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au or ring on 57969261

Just a reminder that at times an article you send may not fit the columns and in this case I will have to edit the article to fit the space. I'll do that to the best of my ability to maintain the key messages in the article.

I also need to take into account balancing the content of TGN to be relevant to the whole catchment and not just Highlands. If I have to leave out a significant chunk of an article I will put the article on the Highlands Community website and a link from The Granite News to the website.

If you don't agree with this policy please contact Scott McKay as the spokesperson for TGN editorial committee on 57969259.

HPS is running a bulb fundraiser. Catalogues are available from school. Closes on Monday 4th April.

A Recognition Ceremony to open the new classrooms will be held on Wednesday 18th May at 10.30am followed by morning tea. All members of the community are invited to attend.

The Highlands Hall working bee on the 9th April needs your support so come along if you can then enjoy Habbies Howe sausages as a reward for your hard labours and community spirit.

Our thanks go out to all our faithful volunteers, those who prepared and served food, screened the films, made music, painted faces and helped in preparations. All would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the HiArts Committee.

By Stuart Reid



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

Student of the Week

Lachie : For really stepping up and displaying terrific leadership skills.



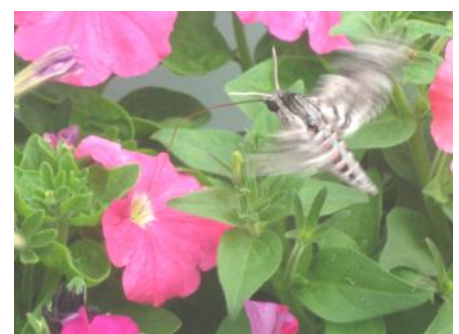
FOOTY CLINIC

On Wednesday 16th March the Grades 3 to 6 were lucky enough to go to a footy clinic in Yea which was run by the Melbourne Football Team, including their captain Brad Green. We had a terrific morning with lots of action, running and tackling, passing and kicking. Everyone was exhausted by the end but also very happy and ready to keep playing back at school.



Unusual moth sighting at HPS!

On the 15th of March we saw this huge moth at one of the barrels in front of our classroom. It was sucking all the nectar out of beautiful flowers. We think it is a Hawk Eyed Moth or a Pine Processionary Moth. If anyone thinks it is something else, please tell us. Thank you



COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MARCH/APRIL 2011

Week beg 28th March	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Peter Short & Betty Jenkins Max & Joan Eddy Carpark and all four courts
Week beg 27th March	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Rob Hayes Ned Jeffery
Week beg 27th March	RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER 1St Lieutenant David Sleigh (Ph) 57 904 301 (Mob) 0429 904 301
Continues to 27th March	WildArt @ Old Post Office Seymour 30 painters and sculptors creations on exhibition. Wed to Sun 11am to 4pm & Wed to Sat 6pm – 9.30pm. Browsing welcome. Free entry. 50 Emily St (Old Hume Hwy) Seymour 5792-3170 www.artseymour.com.au
Wednesday 23rd March	Murrindindi Shire Council Meeting Yea Chambers
Monday 25th March	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Acoustica – lunchtime library music concert with Adam Denis 12.30 – 1.30 NEW- Ukulele Heaven BYO ukulele everyone welcome - FUN, FUN, FUN 6 - 8
Monday 25th March	It is with great pleasure we soon launch our next solo artist, Louise Foletta .Louise is a committed arts practitioner with a continuous history of painting and exhibiting her work over four decades. This will be her eleventh solo exhibition in just 12 years. She has participated in over 20 group shows, and been awarded numerous art prizes Foletta is well known in the art community, and we are fortunate to call her a local artist. Her paintings reflect our beautiful local landscape, and have recorded the changes through drought, fire and recovery. I hope to see you in the Gallery during the show, Best Wishes Olivia Lawson www.gallery34.com.au
Saturday 26th March & Sat 2nd April	Environmental Farm Planning Two day workshop 10am – 4pm Broadford Council Chambers 113 High St Broadford To register for workshops and for more information contact Cathy Koning, Sustainable Communities Coordinator on (03) 5734 6357, via email cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or visit www.sustainable-communities.com.au RSVP is required for catering purposes. Come along and be inspired.
Sunday 27th	Highlands Ramblers starts again. Ring Andrew for more details 57904297 0427969297
Tuesday 29th March, 2011	MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS as an effect of Climate Change and Uncertain Weather Patterns 10:00am — 2.30pm Benalla Government Offices, Theatre 89 Sydney Rd, Benalla Guest Speakers: Carl Fraser – Rural Financial Counsellor, GMH Agcare. & Ivan Lister – Delatite Health, Rural Outreach Worker. Morning tea and Lunch will be provided. RSVP by Wednesday 23rd March (for catering purposes) David Cleeland Landcare Project Officer Ph: (03) 5761 1560 Email: landcare1@iinet.net.au
Saturday 2 April	Yea Country Market , 9am to 2pm (1st Saturday of each month) Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. Contact: 0409 130 587 or yeamarket@gmail.com
Sunday 3rd April	HIGHLANDS / CAVEAT CFA MEETING and RECON End of season meeting 9:30am at Highlands Fire Station Reconnaissance of local back tracks (Lades Rd, Mathews, Fernlea, Spaniaks Rd, Jacks Crk, Chisholm Rd, Mt Broughton) BYO 4 wheel drive, picnic lunch Departing Highlands Fire Station 10:30am Enquiries Alistair 57969276 Andrew 0427969297
Tuesday 5th April	BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND An evening with Dr Rob Gordon Clinical psychologist Rob Gordon is a sensitive and motivating speaker, whose insights will help explain our responses to some of the challenges we have experienced in the past decade. 7:00pm – 10:00pm Yea Golf Club Bring Your Friends and Family Light refreshments will be provided Admission is free, but for catering purposes please RSVP to Erin Hoiles or Sue Bass on 5772 0365 or ehoiles@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
Friday 8th April	'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall from 6.30pm. Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. "Don't forget the Aerogard!!".
Friday 8th April	Whitehead's Creek Landcare Group Annual General Meeting at 5.30PM At Seymour Bushland Park (Telegraph Road Entrance) Free barbecue See the Nightlife of Whitehead's Creek Guided by Peter Mitchell and Barbara Moss Janet Hagen will explain where we sit, in the new Strathbogie Conservation Management Network, and
Saturday 9th	Vasili at the Violet Town Market 9am – 3pm Violet Town Market Tulip St Violet Town
Saturday 9th April	WORKING BEE AT HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL Come along on between 9.00am and 12.00 noon and help us to fix up the hall and surroundings. The more people who come along to help the easier the jobs become. A BBQ lunch will be provided (with Scotty's sausages). Regards, Judy Cameron
Saturday 16th	Sustainable House Tour Presented by BEAM Mitchell Environment Group 10am – 3pm Various locations
3rd & 4th May	There is a Cattle Pregnancy Testing Course being offered @ 141 Monkey Creek Road, Limestone 3717. Contact person is Judy Brookes juncball@pigpond.com or phone 5795 2563.

Classifieds & Community Notices

FLOOD APPEAL

We have a **community appeal** to enable the small community of Seymour help the small community of Charlton in northern Victoria who have been flooded out twice already.

The appeal is being organised jointly by about a dozen community groups, service clubs, etc. and is really bringing Seymour together in a spirit of goodwill to others. Our final event is a family show at the Tallarook Hall on Saturday March 26 at 2.00pm.

Ralph Baker is a consummate performer. He was "Deadly Earnest" on TV introducing vampire type films. We're encouraging children and those young in heart to bring along their favourite soft toy and "Bill Bunyip" will be talking to them! Small prizes for all.

To date we've raised about \$6,500 through a series of small fund raising events and hope to top \$10,000. We look forward to seeing you there. Kind regards, Anne Thompson Flood Appeal Convener PS It will help if people know the Big Bad Wolf's lines as I'm told this Wolf has a bad memory!
Anne Thompson 0403 103 795

HOME BUSHFIRE ADVICE SERVICE

The CFA is currently offering a FREE Home Bushfire Advice Service.

A trained Fire Safety Officer will be conducting the inspection which includes assessing people's properties, identifying potential hazards and offering suggestions on reducing bushfire risk. Also included:

Property maintenance to help lower bushfire risk, Property access, Improving defensible space, Effective vegetation management, Water supply requirements, Personal capacity to defend, Other improvements

Our Fire Safety Officer Andrew Arnold will be in the area of Highlands - Caveat on the 8th / 9th / 10th April (Fri, Sat, Sun).

If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact me or to reply to this email to book a time or if you are unable to make these times but still want an inspection we can fit you in at another time which suits you.

Regards, Sarah Bussell
CFA Community Safety - Hume Region
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Wangaratta, Vic 3677
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Empowering North East Farming Communities to Adapt to Climate Change

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The sessions will include:
High profile guest speakers: discussions about climate change in a global, regional and local context; information on new opportunities; government policy direction; case studies; local solutions 2 day bus trip focusing on agribusiness entrepreneurship & innovation Skills workshops— leadership, communication, media, planning Understanding that strong communities need strong leadership

This project is funded under the Climate Communities grants program – a Victorian Government initiative designed to promote and support local actions to tackle climate change.

For further information and expressions of interest please contact: Anne Shaw 0417 221010 projects@avclp.org.au
Applications close 30th March, 2011

WANTED

Second hand hothouse or greenhouse. Any condition. Prepared to come and dismantle. Contact Sarah on 0357734239 or 0423276574.

FINAL CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Closing 31 March 2011

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority wishes to notify landowners in the Strathbogie Ranges that Wetland Tender – Strathbogie Ranges, which offers landholders a financial payment to manage wetlands (spring soaks, bogs and peatlands) is closing on 31st March 2011.

To obtain an information kit, including an expression of interest form, please contact Jenny Wilson on (03) 5820 1115.

GREEN TOMATOES RECIPE

This is my basic recipe for all those end of season tomatoes, of course you can add some chillies or cayene pepper or a good curry powder to vary it:

INGREDIENTS

450g (1 lb) onions, chopped

2.25kg (5 lb) green tomatoes, peeled and sliced

2 teaspoons salt

50g (2oz) mixed pickling spice, tied in a piece of muslin 600ml (1 pint) vinegar 450g (1 lb) sugar

Boil the onions in a little water until they are soft. Drain and place in a preserving pan with the tomatoes, salt and pickling spice. Bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for one hour. Add a little of the vinegar when the mixture thickens.

Stir in the remaining vinegar and the sugar and cook, stirring frequently, until the chutney is thick. Remove and discard the bag of pickling spice.

Bottle, seal and label.

This makes approximately 2.25kg (5lb)

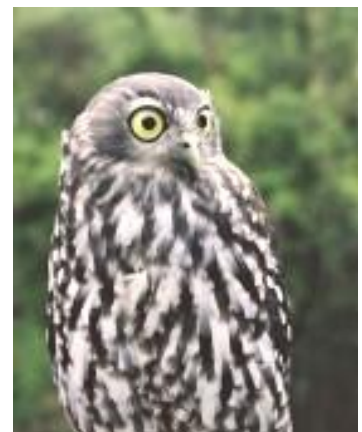
Thanks to Fiona Wawrzik for responding to my plea!

AN EVENING OF OWLS AT THE NEW STRATH CREEK FIRE SHED

Friday 25th March at 7.30pm

Join us in discovering more about our local owls. Wildlife ecologist Dr Natasha Schedvin will present an educational and entertaining documentary featuring the endangered Barking Owls of north-east Victoria.

If you have seen or heard Barkers or any other owls, come along and tell us your experiences. Places are limited, so please contact David Wakefield on 5780 1225 or email focusonfauna@gmail.com



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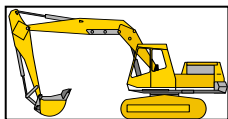


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