



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Bald Hill Bushland Reserve –

Posted on May 17, 2011 by bertboho-south Strathbogie Ranges - Nature View

On Sunday about 20 of us went for a walk through Bald Hill Bushland Reserve, which is a prominent peak on the eastern rim of the Strathbogie Tableland and to the east of Strathbogie township. The weather was cool and overcast, but we were spared an icy wind and rain.

Though the last month has been relatively dry, the bush was damp from some recent rain.

There were very few birds about, but plenty of plants, views and scrambling kept us all busy. Bald Hill is part of one of the high ridges that separates the catchment of the Sevens Creek, from the neighbouring catchment of the Brankeet Creek, that flows into Eildon, near Ancona. Rain that falls on the east side of the Bald Hill ridge mostly flows into Bridge Ck then into Eildon, whereas rain that falls on the west side flows into Bald Hill Ck, then the Sevens. Two very different routes into the Goulburn River.

The Reserve is public land zoned for conservation but is pretty much surrounded by private property. If you intend visiting, make sure you go on foot and get permission from adjacent landholders before crossing private property.

This Reserve is a special place that deserves our care and attention. It contains some high quality habitat and a range of plants and animals that have disappeared from much of the Strathbogie Tableland.



BOTANIC GUARDIANS

The Botanic Guardians aim to help conserve Victoria's rare and threatened native plant species and vegetation communities on public and private land. Funding is awarded up to \$3,000. Contact Adrian Moorrees on 03 9412 4232 Adrian.moorrees@dse.vic.gov.au. They accept applications anytime.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Will :For working really hard on his spelling words each week and transferring them to his writing. Well done!

Scholarship from Yea Neighbourhood Watch:

Ken and Lorraine Howson visited HPS on Wednesday afternoon to share some exciting news. This year they are donating a scholarship award of \$200 to a Year 6 student to assist with their secondary education. This student will be announced at our end of year concert in December. We thank Neighbourhood Watch for their generosity.

Jump Rope Jump Off:

HPS will hold their Jump Off on Wednesday 8th June. Students have received sponsorship forms if they are interested in seeking sponsorship.

WANTED

Maree Gilbert is planning an art project for HPS students, making mosaic stepping stones to display in our garden. She needs any ceramic tile off cuts or bits, broken mirrors, glass beads, anything of interest that we can cement to paving stones. Please drop anything you are happy to part with into HPS.

FREE FARM CHEMICAL USERS COURSE

The UGLN is planning a free two day course which will qualify attendees for the Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP). When: TBA July 2011
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Where: Yea Shire Office
The Semi Circle Yea (Next to Library)
Cost: FREE
Morning tea and lunch will be provided
To register your interest contact:
Chris Cobern Fire Recovery Landcare Coordinator Ph: 5736 0104
ugrecovery@gbcma.vic.gov.au

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Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

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Traditional Gaelic blessing

THE ARGUS MELBOURNE TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 1907

THE TANTANOOLA TIGER

Seymour Monday– The Tantanoola tiger has made its appearance in this district. On Saturday last Messrs W and H Duell received a scare from an animal. They were digging out rabbits on Mr. Stewart's Habbies Howe property, when they saw it chasing sheep. In its course it cleared a fence and finally disappeared into a cave on the Hughes Creek, near the cutting Messrs Duell left their work and went home. They feel certain the animal was a tiger. So convinced are they that they have decided for the present not to return to work in that particular part of Hughes Creek.


Thanks to David Wesselmann for finding this article, helping keep the story alive.

LANDCARE OFFICE OPENS THIS WEEK

The long awaited HCCC Landcare office in the Tableland Community Centre - Old Ruffy School will be open for business on Friday afternoons each week starting June 3rd. Hours answer questions, give advice and process orders for herbicide and rabbit ripping. At the moment we are looking for any used tree tubes and trays you may have accumulated over the years for recycling. Please drop them behind the shelter shed at any time, we will send them to the arboretum for reuse.

Please drop in for a chat and check out Landcare's new space

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - JUNE/JULY 2011

Week beg 6th June	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Tim & Frances Lawrence Merv Penny
Week beg 5th June	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK Scott James Gary Richards
Saturday 4th June	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Caro Morris and Mark South, at 95 Elliotts Rd, between Broadford and Tyaak. Caro and Mark will give a tour of their strawbale house and gardens. Take the Flowerdale Rd out of Broadford. Elliotts Rd is about 5km out of Broadford, on the left. 95 Elliotts Rd is about 1km along Elliotts Rd, on the left, straight after Raninbury Riding Ponies. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Caro on 5784 1177 for more information
Saturday 4 June,	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 5th June	"Tableland Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Chair Muster " between 10am and 3 pm.
Sunday 5th June	FROM THE RIVER AND THE RANGES Mitchelton Wines, The White Hart hotel and Elgo Estate have joined together. 12pm The White Hart for a six course, ten wine lunch to celebrate the end of harvest 2011. \$70 per person, seats are limited. 03-57985203 white.hart@bigpond.com
Friday 10th June	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.
Friday 17th June	Steep hill grazing systems day , Boost soil health and management skills. Better pasture management not only improves production, but is a key way to improve soil health on steep hill country in the Upper Goulburn district. A key feature of the day is developing a checklist for soil health and the management of hill country reflecting your needs. Local grazing demonstration results for will also be discussed and simple cost effective techniques for management of pastures. Special presenters will cover a range of topics on such as: • Management to improve native pasture component on steep hill country • Understand land classing • Fertility and soil conservation management • Managing for cover on hills in a variable climate Time: 9.30am — 1.30PM including lunch Venue: The Three Sisters, 2724 Broadford—Flowerdale Road Flowerdale. RSVP: Wednesday June 15 , Brad Costin on, 57840609 or brad.costin@dpi.vic.gov.au .
Saturday 18th June	 Live at The White Hart " White Goat" Longwood Football Netball Club Charity fundraiser \$10 door donation 63 Hill Street, Longwood T 03-57985203 email white.hart@bigpond.com
Wednesday 29th June	HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA Low Structure Course to be held at Alexandra CFA Shed on Weds June 29th, July 6th Weds or Thurs July 7th at Wangarratta Training Facility, open to all CFA members. If anyone is interested please contact either Sharyn 0357904297 or Peter 03 5796 9301 asap for numbers to run this course. NB: We must have numbers to run this course so please let us know asap. Thanks, Sharyn Shaw
Friday 1st July	Next Meeting of the HCCC will be at 7.00 pm Friday the first of July at Rocky Passes tapas provided. If you have tasted their tapas you'll know that this is too good to miss really.
Saturday 2nd July	Ruffy Store, at 3pm HABBIES HOWE JACKAROO MEMOIR Local author; local story. Taggerty resident Michael Thornton has written a memoir about his years as a jackaroo. A major part of the book is about his year at Habbies Howe. The book will be released by Penguin on 27 June. Michael will talk about the book and sign copies at the following events: Alexandra Library, Tue 5 July 6.30pm Gallery 34 Yea, Saturday 30 July, 3pm Visit www.michaeltorntonbooks.com.au
July to Decem- ber timetable for New baby and Preschool	NEW Baby and Preschool Timetable for July – December 2011! Come along to our new Rhyme and Story Time sessions starting in July. All infants from newborn to 6 years welcome. Join in rhymes, stories, and craft.. All sessions are FREE. Euroa Library, Second Friday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am, Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9 Nagambie Library, Fourth Tuesday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am, July 26, Aug 23, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 6 Violet Town Library, Fourth Thursday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am, July 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 1
Saturday 9th July	Black Market 10am-2pm Richard and Kunie's, at 'Abdalallah House', Seymour

Classifieds & Community Notices

YEA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHOLARSHIPS

I would like to take this opportunity to notify your readers of the success of the annual Christmas Raffle, and free Community Bar-B-Q, run by Yea Neighbourhood Watch, and held at Yea Caravan Park, over the last ten years.

We started with a few prizes, and a small number of people attending, however this did not last long, as we received the support of the Yea Business Community, supplying us with many prizes, now being over 70 in number, and the generosity was still there after the disastrous fires that cut off the flow of tourists, and impacted badly on their business.

We excelled in our profits last Christmas, and from a suggestion from our Treasurer Lorraine Howson, that we supply a scholarship to a student at all of the local primary schools to assist them with the cost of their education in their first year of secondary school. It was agreed at our AGM that a \$200.00 Scholarship be awarded to a student selected by the Principal at each of Yea Primary, Yea Sacred Heart, Flowerdale Primary, and Highlands Primary Schools, which will be administered by the Secondary School that they attend, a total of \$1000.00 this year, and this will be ongoing for a new student every year if we continue to be successful with our Annual Raffle, and receive the help and support from parents and the general community. What better way to look after our future by investing in the children of our community,
Ken Howson, Area Coordinator.

BUSH SCONES

This recipe was given to me by a drover in Outback S.A. They are called Bush Scones because they use oil – butter melts in the bush, and there is no need to wash up a messy bowl.

2 cups S.R.Flour, ¾ cup milk, ¼ cup oil I use Canola oil or Peanut oil – but an oil with a light viscosity – not olive and not sump. Pre-heat camp oven (or conventional oven to about 180c). Sift Flour into large bowl. Stir the liquids together (as they naturally separate) and pour into flour. Stir quickly (about 30 sec) until mixture cleans the sides of the bowl. Spread out the mix about an inch (or say 3 cm) and cut with a scone ring dunked in flour. Place together on a tray and heat for 12 -15 min depending on your oven. No need to grease oven tray! My tip is to make an ever so slightly wetter mix and add a bit of flour, but not the other way. Cheers Philip Wischer

BOOK REVIEWS BY PAULINE ROBERTS

The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

If you're like me and want to enjoy a book from the very first page, then persevere past the first 16 pages of *The Book Thief* and you will be well rewarded. The narrator of this story, set in Nazi Germany, is Death and the first few pages appear to leap disjointedly from one vignette to another. This coupled with the *Little Announcements* throughout the text do take a bit of getting used to but it is worth it. Zusak's story paints a vivid description of life on a single street in an outlying suburb of Munich and the daily struggle for survival of its inhabitants. One of whom is the *Book Thief*. The story really commences with Liesel's arrival on Himmell St and the author's skill is such that by the end of the story the reader has become so immersed in the character's lives that they too feel the overwhelming loss that is inevitable in war.

At Risk – Stella Rimington

As the front cover declares "a stunning debut novel from the former head of MI5" and despite the hype it really is. With all the good attributes of a Le Carre or Forsyth novel it races along at breakneck speed as Liz Carlyle frantically works to discover who the ??? is and which target they are intending to take out in the cause of jihad. A tightly written, suspense-filled novel that no doubt owes a lot of its plot to the author's previous employment. If this read appeals there is a sequel already out *Secret Asset* and if you are intrigued by the real life adventures of Stella, rather than her alter ego, then her autobiography *Open Secret* is a must read.

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BITS OF BOTANY AND

Satin bowerbird

I recently saw a bird list from Strathbogie in 1902:
<http://strathbogierangesnature-view.wordpress.com/2011/04/07/historic-bird-lists/>
and was a bit surprised to see Satin Bowerbird listed – its normal habitat is damp forests. I have only ever seen any once at Caveat, and Peg Lade has seen them a couple of times in Highlands. The ones we saw weren't the glossy bright blue males that build the bowers and that most people would recognise. Males up to the age of 5 or 6 and females of any age are speckled green with brownish wings, and these are more likely than the mature males to wander into the drier bush during autumn and winter, returning in spring to the wetter forests where they breed. *Thanks again to Louise Currie for taking the time to send us these articles, you are truly appreciated.*



Satin Bowerbird, female.
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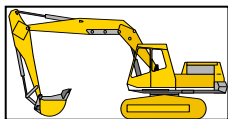
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