



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

Hi all,

I hope this finds you all well. We have been on the road 4 weeks now and are having a great time and also learning plenty about the Australian Outback and History of the early explorers. We travelled up the Kidman way through Hay where we visited the Shearers Hall of Fame, We also visited an old Jail that was used for the imprisonment of girls aged from 14 to 18 years of age. These girls had already been in jail in Sydney and had been causing more trouble so they were then sent to Hay for their final time. This place really freaked Sarah out. We then followed the Kidman Way until we then joined the Matilda Highway which led us to Longreach. We visited the Outback Hall of Fame and also the Qantas Museum, as this was the birth place of the Qantas empire. Our next big adventure was a day trip on Fraser Island, the largest natural sand Island in the world. Well then it was off to Airlie Beach where we went out to the coral gardens for some snorkeling and off to Whitehaven Beach for lunch. At the moment we are in Cairns and will be here until Thursday 8th June. Then off to Cooktown. The weather has been great lows of 7-8 rising to around 24 going up the Kidman way. We have had some rain at night. At the moment the days will be around 24 - 28 good for swimming. I hope you are all keeping warm.

Russell has just had 45 minutes of water aerobics at 9.00 am and will be doing it for the next few days.

From the Wandering Chapmans.



The Chapman family at Whitehead beach. Do you recognize the Highlands ex postie?

## WANTED

Maree Gilbert is planning an art project for HPS students. 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

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

As there is no newsletter this week, I thought this story was appropriate.

### THE WELLIE BOOTS

Did you hear about the Pre-School teacher who was helping one of the children put on his "Wellie boot's"? He asked for help and she could see why.... Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little "Wellie's" still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second "Wellie" on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Miss, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the "Wellie's" off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the "Wellie's" back on, this time on the right feet.. He then announced, "These aren't my Wellies."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting "Wellie's" off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the Wellie's" off when he said, "They're my brother's "Wellie's", My mom made me wear 'them.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the "Wellie's" on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your gloves?" He said, "I stuffed 'them in the toes of my Wellie's".

Thanks to Christine Ardlie (Yorston) for this story.

### LANDCARE OFFICE

The Landcare Office at the Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) is open Friday afternoons from 1pm to 6 pm. Rabbit numbers are increasing and now is the time to fumigate warrens with phostoxin tablets. For a 50% subsidy on this product please order supplies through Janet at the Landcare office on 57 904281 (phone will be connected soon) or email [jhagen@harboursat.com.au](mailto:jhagen@harboursat.com.au)

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 15


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### LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTIONS

*Sing in the shower. Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated. Watch a sunrise at least once a year. Leave the toilet seat in the down position. Never refuse homemade brownies. Strive for excellence not perfection. Plant a tree on your birthday. Learn three clean jokes. Return borrowed vehicles with the petrol tank full. Compliment three people every day. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them. Leave everything a little better than you found it. Keep it simple. Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know. Floss your teeth. Ask for a raise when you feel you've earned it. Be forgiving of yourself and others. Over-tip breakfast waitresses. Say "thank you" a lot. Say "please" a lot. Avoid negative people. Buy whatever kids are selling on card tables in their front yards. Wear polished shoes. Remember other people's birthdays. Commit yourself to constant improvement. Carry jumper leads in your boot. Have a firm handshake. Send lots of valentine cards. Sign them "Someone thinks you're terrific." Look people in the eye. Be the first to say hello. Use the good silver. Return all things you borrow. Make new friends but cherish the old ones. Keep secrets. Sing in the choir. Plant flowers every spring. Have a dog. Always accept an outstretched hand. Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life. Wave at kids on school buses. Be there when people need you. Feed a stranger's expired parking meter. Don't expect life to be fair. Never underestimate the power of love. Drink champagne for no reason at all. Live your life as an exclamation not as an explanation. Don't be afraid to say "I made a mistake." Don't be afraid to say "I don't know." Compliment even small improvements. Keep your promises (no matter what). Marry only for love. Rekindle old friendships. Count your blessings. Call your mother.*

*Thanks Jill for all this wisdom, I've really enjoyed your contributions.*

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - JUNE/JULY 2011

Week beg 13th June	<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b> Peter Short & Betty Jenkins Max & Joan Eddy
Week beg 12th June	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK</b> Wes Jeffery Peter Gremlick
Friday 10th June	<b>Drinks on the Deck'</b> 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.
June 11 and 12	: "The Lincoln Lawyer" 119 Mins (M Drama 3.5 stars Based on Michael Connelly's best selling novel, this is a tasty thriller with a few twists in the tail. Matthew McConaughey is brilliantly cast (a nice change from his reputation as being only suitable for a romantic comedy) as a wily manipulative lawyer who does most of his work from the back seat of his car, which by the way has the licence plate NTGILTY. His clients are often from a lower socio-economic background, well, that is until he smells money in the form of a rich boy in trouble played by Ryan Phillippe. Another star of this highly regarded movie is William H Macy as the investigator, who from all reports could have been seen more often during the movie. Also stars Marisa Tomei
Tuesday 14 th June	Murrindindi Council's draft Budget and the Council Plan (Incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan) are out for public comment, with copies available at all Council offices and on Council's website <a href="http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au">www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au</a> . Residents should become involved in the process by reading both documents and attending the public meetings 5.30pm-7pm Council Office, the Semi Circle, Yea.
Friday 17th June	<b>Steep hill grazing systems day</b> , 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	 <p>Live at The White Hart "White Goat" Longwood Football Netball Club Charity fundraiser \$10 door donation 63 Hill Street, Longwood T 03-57985203 email <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a></p>
Wednesday 29th June	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA</b> 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 <b>HCCC</b> 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 <b>HABBIES HOWE JACKAROO MEMOIR</b> 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 <a href="http://www.michaelthorntonbooks.com.au">www.michaelthorntonbooks.com.au</a>
July to Decem- ber timetable for New baby and Preschool	<b>NEW Baby and Preschool Timetable</b> 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	<b>Black Market</b> 10am-2pm Richard and Kunie's, at 'Abdalallah House', Seymour
Sunday 31 July	<b>National Tree Day</b> Planet Ark is calling on all Green Thumbs to register and run a National Tree Day Site in 2011. National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's biggest community tree-planting event. Co-ordinated by Planet Ark, these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment in which they live. Since 1996 more than 2 million volunteers have planted over 15 million native trees and shrubs! It's a day to get down and get your hands dirty to help the planet! Information and Registration: <a href="http://treeday.planetark.org/">http://treeday.planetark.org/</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## IMPROVING YOUR SOIL ORGANIC MATTER

Soil organic matter is critical in sustaining farms and land in a variable climate.

This was the key message at a recent soil carbon field day held at "Worrough", Trawool looking at the role of agriculture in the carbon cycle.

Soil scientist Cathy Botta said soil organic matter was the one feature that can improve the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil.

"If you have bare ground you won't be increasing soil organic matter."

Ms Botta said pasture and grass systems were the key to returning carbon back to the soil.

"The physical, chemical and biological properties of soil are like the legs of a three legged stool."

"If you focus on one element to the detriment of the other two, then you are setting yourself up for trouble," she said.

During the Trawool event participants had the opportunity to examine soil at depth and get their hands dirty during soil testing.

DPI sheep specialist, Jane Court also attended and explained how efficient livestock management can result in a lower carbon footprint.

The day was hosted by the Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society, the Department of Primary Industries, Mitchell Shire Council and Landcare.

There will be a follow on event in Flowerdale on Friday June 17 on management of native pastures for soil health.

For further details contact Brad Costin, DPI Broadford on (03) 5784 0609.



## "ENDURE AND FIGHT"

A detailed History of the 4th Light Horse Regiment, AIF, 1914-1919  
by Dr David Holloway

To be launched by Major General Mike O'Brien, CSC at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne on Wednesday 15th June 2011 at 2:30 pm. After the launch David will make himself available to sign or personally inscribe your copy of his book.

There will be two editions of Endure and Fight, a standard edition of 513 copies (the number of original other ranks of the regiment) and a special half-leather bound edition of just 25 copies (the number of original officers of the regiment).

Endure and Fight is arguably the most comprehensive unit history of any Australian First World War unit, fitting for the only Australian unit to have served on each of the three major fronts where Australians fought.

Dr David Holloway is a retired secondary school history teacher with an abiding interest in Australian Military History; the First World War and the Light Horse in general, his beloved 4th Light Horse Regiment in particular.

He served in the ranks of the 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment during the 1960s and was commissioned in the 1970s. He is Patron of the 4th Light Horse Regiment Memorial Association, President of the 4th/19th Regimental Association and an Honorary Life Member of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association.

Additionally, David will speak about his book and conduct book signings at Maygar's Hill Winery, [Longwood http://www.maygarhill.com.au/](http://www.maygarhill.com.au/) on Sunday the 10th of July at 3:00pm. For those within range of this event, it will be a great opportunity to meet David, and perhaps enjoy some quality wine in a location that is inexorably linked to the 4th Light Horse Regiment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these free events. Please contact David directly for further information.

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## CHEMICAL USER COURSE UPDATE

Saturday 18th June 2011 at Highlands Hall 9.00am -3.00 pm 1080 accreditation may be available depending on interest. The HCCC is offering a 50% subsidy on the 1080 accreditation course

Please contact  
Scott McKay 57969259 or  
[scottmckay@activ8.net.au](mailto:scottmckay@activ8.net.au)

## BITS OF BOTANY AND

### EARTH STARS

Autumn is the best time for fungus, and among the many attractive varieties are Earth stars. They're related to puff balls, but as they emerge from the earth the outer skin splits open in segments and lays almost flat on the ground, showing the spore-containing ball at the centre. They feed on rotting organic matter so are most commonly found in leaf litter or at the base of trees. There are probably several species locally, including *Geastrum triplex*.



These were found in Betty Ladbury's garden, under some birch and hawthorn trees and Louise Currie helped her identify them..

## BOOK REVIEW

The Tenderness of Wolves –  
Stef Penney

A beautifully written book that is basically a murder mystery set in the wilds of Canada in 1867. However along the way we discover this harsh landscape's magnificent scenery, the omnipotent nature of the Hudson Bay Company and the many flawed characters who inhabit this inhospitable part of the world. Normally I read for plot and character but this book grabbed me with its lyrical prose and wonderfully descriptive passages of people and place.

By Pauline Roberts

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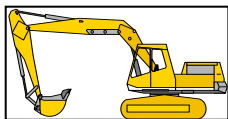
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