



## MURRINDINDI SHIRE and LOCAL TAUNGURUNG CULTURE

Recently representatives from the Victorian Government Department Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV), briefed Council staff on their responsibilities when working on or near sites that may have Aboriginal relics, that maybe of spiritual or cultural significance, or may contain Aboriginal remains.

The Kulin Nations, the first people of Murrindindi were here for at least 4,000 years, using everything the bush provided. They were healthy and well-nourished, managing the land so that its resources renewed themselves from year to year and were not exhausted. This depended upon a deep understanding (accumulated over thousands of generations) of plant and animal ecology. The most important food in Murrindindi was roots, (underground food storage of all sorts) in particular the yam daisy or myrniong. These could be gathered year round, while seeds and fruits were seasonal. The Taungurung people used plants for many other purposes besides food. Tea trees (*Leptospermum* species) have long, straight stems which provided the hard wooden material for spears, clubs and digging sticks.

Our staff, particularly those who review proposed residential developments, plan new bridge works and construct and repair roads and paths across Murrindindi were told of how Aboriginal heritage aspects could easily be harmed if absolute care was not taken. A number of pertinent examples were shown where past and current Aboriginal history and cultural practices could be encountered, such as scar trees, middens along water courses, sites of significance and the possibility of uncovering human remains (bones), which must immediately be reported to the Police.

The Aboriginal or Taungurung language is still being used in the many place names which remain throughout the shire: Ghin Ghin, Kanumbra, Koriella, Murrindindi, Narbethong, Taggerty, Terip Terip, Toolangi, Maitongoon Road, Maroondah Highway and Whanregarwen Road.

Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (TCAC) can be contacted through Kym Monohan, Executive Officer, 13 Bourke Street, Kilmore 3764  
[email.Taungurung@gmail.com](mailto:email.Taungurung@gmail.com)

Extract by Cr Sally Abbott Smith  
Natural Environment and Climate Change portfolio

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Brooke:** For a positive attitude to her learning and playing beautifully in the yard with all ages. Well done!

### Classroom Volunteers:

We are extremely fortunate to have many parents and community members who assist with reading and other classroom activities each week. Maree has started a mosaic project with students, Michelle has offered to do Friday cooking, Trish has offered to teach crocheting, Maree works in the senior room each Wednesday and we welcome Larisa and Jenny who are also going to be volunteering their time in the senior room each week. We are so lucky to have such an enthusiastic list of parents and community members willing to give their time. A special thank you to Yasmine who has been assisting Meagan in the junior room every Wednesday.

### School Swap:

We've had several emails from Kendall who is attending Malvern PS this week. She's thoroughly enjoying the new experience, making lots of friends.

### Boite Choir:

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Boite Schools' Choir 2011. The big performance is on Thursday 18th August at BMW Edge Theatre in Feb Square from 1-2pm. Tickets can be booked by ringing 94173550.



## WELCOME TO ISSUE 22

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### POSITIVE LIVING

Notice your thoughts, beliefs and emotions. Do they support what you value, who you want to be, what you want to experience? Practise choosing thoughts, beliefs and emotions that are aligned with what you want.

Gratitude - bring your attention to that which is 'good' in your life. Serve others joyfully.

Exercise physically. Choose a type that is appropriate to you. Yoga is best for some, running for others.

Thanks to Susy Barry for sending in these thoughts on positive living.

## PATTO SPRAYING TIME

Hey Everyone, This is your final reminder to get in touch with me if you want to be involved in the helicopter spraying for Paterson's curse this year. Fortunately, the helicopter spraying will be subsidised. Each drum of agtryne is 20L and costs about \$375 but Landcare will pay for half of this. Landcare has also received a grant of \$3000 which will be divided amongst the number of helicopter loads needed. Those who are interested in helicopter spraying need to contact me (Edwina Mckay) at [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com) before the deadline of the 5th of August Look forward to hearing from you :)

### RuffArtz presents:

## Bluegrassy Knoll & Buster Keaton's film 'The General'

Saturday 20 August

Buster Keaton's masterpiece silent movie "The General" will be screened while the band sit in front of the screen, and, committing the music to memory, use the film for their cues. Their original live film score accompaniment cleverly and sensitively mimics the humour, drama, chaos and romance portrayed on screen, complete with perfectly timed sound effects for every mishap moment, providing the audience with a truly amazing experience. Bluegrassy Knoll was awarded 5 star reviews in Edinburgh. Doors open at 7.30 pm Show commences at 8.00 pm. The famous RuffArtz Coffee & Cake at interval. Tickets: \$25 ea Bookings essential. Ph: Glen 5790 4318

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Week beg 1st August	<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b> Tim & Cindy Hayes Ian & Cynthia Crawford
Week beg 7th August	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK</b> Scott James Jarrod Coysh
Friday 5th August	<b>Frogs of the Flowerdale/Strath Creek Area</b> , a presentation by Mark Cairns 7.30pm at Flowerdale Hall Light refreshments will be served. Places are limited, so if you plan to come please contact David Wakefield on 5780 1225 or email: <a href="mailto:focusonfauna@gmail.com">focusonfauna@gmail.com</a> Come along and learn about our fascinating local frogs including their lifecycle, calls, conservation status and habitat requirements. Mark Cairns is a zoologist with wide experience in fauna survey techniques. He is currently Coranderrk Bushland Program Manager at Healesville Sanctuary. Mark will also talk generally about his wildlife survey and educational work related to endangered species recovery.
Friday 5th August	<b>Guided Walk</b> 10.00 am –2.00 pm Join Parks Victoria on a guided walk along some of the Cathedral trails. We hope to walk to Cathedral Peak, weather dependant. The walk will be reasonably challenging going uphill, but there will be plenty of time to rest. Please bring a picnic lunch, water, protective clothing and strong walking footwear. Meet at Ned's Gully Carpark Call 0409 544 643 to register and for confirmation of walk destination
Saturday 6th August	<b>White Hart Hotel</b> 7.45pm - Blue x Blue - Don't be fooled, this Melbourne trio know how to turn up the electro rock & blues. 63 Hill St, Longwood, VIC 3665 T: 03-5798-5203 E: <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a>
Saturday 6th August	<b>Yea Country Market</b> 9am to 2pm (1st Saturday of each month) Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. Contact: 0409 130 587 or <a href="mailto:yeamarket@gmail.com">yeamarket@gmail.com</a> Whatever you're looking for, you'll find it at the Yea Country Market. Fresh local produce - cheeses, wines, boutique beer, fruit & vegetables, olives, oils, bread, beef, organic honey, jams and preserves, Creative arts and crafts, Interesting clothing and accessories, Children's toys and activities, Delightful soaps, candles, jewellery, stationery and gemstones, Plants, Trash and treasure of all descriptions, Entertainment, Scrumptious food, cakes and treats, Great coffee, Fabulous community spirit, Support local organisations/charities with gold coin entry donation
Sunday 7th August	Yea River Catchment Landcare group - <b>BILLABONG WALK</b> WHERE: Kate Heston's and Greg Chiver's Ghin Ghin property. Meet at the Ghin Ghin Reserve, Ghin Ghin Rd (turn right immediately after Goulburn River bridge). TIME: 10.00 - 11.30 am WHAT TO BRING: Water-proof footwear; a small plate of 'morning tea' Kate and Greg are lucky enough to farm country along the Goulburn River. For the first time in their ownership of this property, their string of billabongs are full. And with the water has come a profusion of aquatic flora, birdlife and (if you are very quiet) the resident turtles. Morning tea will follow the walk plus a video taken by Kate of the Goulburn, when it broke its banks in August 2010. Everyone welcome! RSVP: Judy Brookes <a href="mailto:juncball@bigpond.com">juncball@bigpond.com</a>
Sunday 7th August	<b>Paul Margocsy @ Old Post Office Seymour</b> Exhibition opening 11am to 4pm Meet Paul, view his paintings & enjoy refreshments by the open fire. On Sunday 14th August Paul will be demonstrating during the afternoon. Exhibition continues Wed to Sun 11am to 4pm & Wed to Sat eves from 6pm to 9pm until 18th Sept. Louise Barling and Garry Broderick Old Post Office Seymour Fine Art Gallery & Lic Restaurant 50 Emily St SEYMOUR 3660 Phone; (03) 5792-3170 <a href="http://www.artseymour.com.au">www.artseymour.com.au</a>
Monday 8th August	<b>"Enterprise trainer Workshop"</b> This workshop is designed for Individuals who train others within a workplace. The training may be accredited or non-accredited. The role may involve some coaching at individual or small group level. Presented by Robyn Richards This full-day workshop will provide you with specific suggestions on how to deliver training that is engaging, dynamic, persuasive and memorable. What the workshop covers: verbal and non-verbal communication techniques: asking those relevant and appropriate questions providing explanations demonstrating using listening skills, providing information clearly, interpersonal skills to: engage, motivate and connect with learners, provide constructive feedback, maintain appropriate relationships, establish trust, use appropriate body language, maintain humor, demonstrate tolerance, manage a group, recognise and be sensitive to individual difference and diversity, introductory knowledge of learning principles and learning styles facilitation and presentation skills, The workshop will be aligned to two units that are elective units and provide credit towards TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. TAEDEL301A Nagambie, 9.00 – 17.00 (lunch will be provided). To register your interest please contact: <a href="mailto:r-richards@4upskilling.com.au">r-richards@4upskilling.com.au</a> or 0407 358191
Friday 12th August	'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.
Saturday 13th August	<b>Black Market</b> 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Janet and Carlo De Martinis, just to the east of Broadford. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, <a href="mailto:diversity@diversity.org.au">diversity@diversity.org.au</a>
Sunday 14 August	<b>Keeping Chooks for Beginners</b> coincides with the Avenel Market from 1pm – 4pm. Maria Ciavarella of My Green Garden will provide valuable advice aimed at beginners, including set up requirements, breeds, feeding and chook health. One lucky attendee at the workshop will win an A frame chicken coop sponsored by Resource GV. Come along to the Avenel Market, pick up high-quality homemade, baked and grown products that are local and seasonal and join us afterwards for the workshop. Cathy Koning Sustainable Communities Coordinator Mitchell & Strathbogie Shires <a href="http://www.sustainable-communities.com.au">www.sustainable-communities.com.au</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## HiArts Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Thursday 11th August in the Highlands Hall at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to Life members and members of the community interested in the future plans for HiArts.

### FOR SALE

We are wanting to sell two goats, mother and son. Mother cross toggenburg/ Boer, both goats very small and quiet. Ideal lawnmowers or pets. \$50 for the pair. Phone number 57922567 or [creatively@spin.net.au](mailto:creatively@spin.net.au)  
Thanks Freya

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Two Sheds for Sale: 60x30 soild steel heavy beams, 80x60 open web trusses, clear span. Both sheds disassembled and ready to load \$15,000 ono  
Call Andrew 0427 969297

## DARREN GILBERT'S NEXT EXHIBITION

Wild4Art are Janet Matthews, Vida Pearson, Rodger Scott and me, Darren Gilbert. The exhibition is being held in an old factory designed by Alistair Knox in the 70's which is now been converted into a big gallery space.

Exhibition dates are 10th August - 4 September 2011 Opening Sunday 14 August, 2.00 to 4.00pm.

The Light Factory Gallery 21 Brougham Street, Eltham 3095  
Wed - Sun 11.00am - 4.30pm  
03 9439 1206  
[www.lightfactorygallery.com.au](http://www.lightfactorygallery.com.au)

## RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18 August 2011  
7.30 pm at Ruffy Hall

Meeting followed by  
Light Supper

All community members welcome

## HOUSE COW FOR SALE

"Paris" Ayrshire cow - about to have her 3rd calf. (now dehorned)  
Has supplied many litres of milk for two house holds and reared two super vealers in the past two years. In calf to a Limousin bull - has had no calving difficulties to date. Leads and ties up. Should calf in the next three weeks  
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## BITS OF BOTANY AND

### Peppermints

Two species of peppermints grow locally – narrow-leaved and broad-leaved. They are eucalypts and take their name from the supposed smell of the crushed leaves, though they just smell eucalyptus to me. They like poor, dry, shallow soils and are very common on hilltops and slopes. The narrow-leaved is the taller and has short thin leaves. Both species have small buds in tight clusters of up to 15 or so. The blossom is pale creamy. They have greyish fibrous bark; rough but not as rough as stringybark. Eucalyptus radiate below (narrow leaved peppermint)



### BOOK REVIEW

The Running Man –  
Michael Gerard Bauer

A powerful story of value judgments, tragic occurrences and the power of miracles. Teenager Joseph Davidson finds himself maneuvered into drawing the portrait of his next door neighbour, a reclusive Vietnam veteran, Tom Leyton. Neither of them is terribly pleased by the idea. However they eventually form a friendship through their mutual interest in silk worms. They are haunted by secrets in both their lives and the reader is skillfully drawn into their confidences. A great debut novel.

## YOGA CLASSES AT LONGWOOD

Maria (Lesh) runs a lovely class. Yoga for everyone - Time: 9.45 am - 11.00 am / Tuesday mornings Cost: \$15.00 per class (concessions available) Venue: 232 Gap Road, Longwood East Phone: 0458 656 664 (03) 5798 5594

## JOEL SALATIN

A day with self-proclaimed lunatic farmer Joel Salatin

Please note: Numbers are strictly limited to this free event and given the popularity of Joel Salatin, preference will be given to farmers in the Goulburn Broken catchment.

Joel Salatin of Polyface Farm is a world-leading example of how a small family farm can become an extremely diverse and profitable Local Food producer, and how the benefits of Local Food Systems can create resilience, stability and abundance for both local farmers and the wider community.

Joel Salatin and Polyface Farm were featured in Michael Pollan's book The Omnivore's Dilemma and the internationally recognised film Food Inc.

### The Polyface Story

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Today the farm arguably represents America's premier non-industrial food production oasis. The farm's mission: to develop emotionally, economically, environmentally enhancing agricultural enterprises and facilitate their duplication throughout the world.

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority invites the farmers in our region to come and continue the sustainable farming conversation in the lead up to the development of the next Regional Catchment Strategy.

If you are interested in challenging the paradigms in farming then register your interest to attend this one-off FREE event for Farmers in the Goulburn Broken Catchment

When: Sunday 7th August 2011,  
10.00am-4:00pm (Including lunch),  
BYO pen and paper

Where: Shepparton, location to advised upon rsvp.

Register your interest to attend:  
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority  
[Chrisb@qbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:Chrisb@qbcma.vic.gov.au)  
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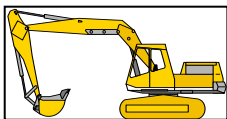
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