



PEOPLE AND PLACES

EUROA ARBORETUM

Over the past decade, the Euroa Arboretum has undergone an incredible transformation, from a run-down Vicroads depot, to a gorgeous, vibrant and inviting public space at the entrance to Euroa.

The plantings of native vegetation have developed so well that its difficult to believe they are not natural and the chain-of-ponds has turned a liability into an asset.

What a fantastic place for a community celebration, which is exactly what happened. About 50 adults and kids gathered at the Arboretum to learn about frogs, ponds, dams and ... Face painting! Three great presenters (Steve Smith, Keith Ward & Geoff Olive) each gave us an insight into a slightly different aspect of frogs and their environment. And the kids even managed to find a real frog on-site (in addition to quite a few chocolate imposters!). Oh, and the yabbies caught in the ponds - what a winner!

The lunch-spread was terrific and was followed by Bill Sykes unveiling the new entrance mural.

Shirley & Bill explaining the new mural!



Euroa Arboretum chain of ponds

And, after lunch, the real work of planting some trees (we were celebrating National Tree Day) got under way.

strathbogierangesnature-view.wordpress.com/author/berthohosouth/

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Rick : For working really hard in literacy and maths and displaying a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done!



Thank you: Trish Uden comes to HPS each week to listen to the students read. This week she started a crocheting group. Trish has sourced donations of patterns, wool and crocheting hooks and the students working with her are loving the experience. Thank you Trish for the time you donate to HPS, we are very grateful. If anyone has any crocheting hooks they no longer need we'd be grateful to receive them.

Mosaic Project: A huge thank you to Maree Gilbert who has taken on a mosaic project with the senior students. Students have worked each Friday to decorate garden pavers with broken tiles and then last week they grouted their tiles to reveal a terrific decorative paver to be placed in the gardens. Everyone has really enjoyed this project and I thank Maree for her work and initiative. Bigger mosaic projects are being planned!

Bush Dance: Unfortunately the Bush Dance fundraiser planned for Saturday 13th August has been postponed. We are hoping that this could still be a major fundraising opportunity for HPS at a later date. The next major fundraiser will be the VORRA event on the weekend of September 17th.

Spare clothes: We are in desperate need of spare clothes, mainly tracksuit pants that would fit the juniors. If you have any that we could have please drop them off at school.

Rewards Programs: Thank you to everyone who is dropping vouchers in. Please consider HPS when you're shopping. We are currently collecting bar codes from McCain Frozen Vegetables and Coles Sports vouchers.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 23

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AMERICAN CLASSICS AT FILM SOCIETY AUGUST MEETING

On Friday 19th August at the Yea Shire Chambers, Murrindindi Film Society will present two classic American films of different eras and varied themes.

Doors open at 6.45 p.m. for drinks and nibbles and at 7.00 p.m. the 1942 western drama *The Ox-Bow Incident* will be shown. This short, tense film vividly depicts the terror of mob "justice" and the traumatic effects it has on all involved. Starring Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews and Anthony Quinn, the film initially failed at the box office, but has since grown to classic status for its powerful indictment of the violence and injustice which result from group manipulation.

After supper the scene moves to 1930s Chicago for the colourful, tongue in cheek gangster movie *The Sting*. Made in 1973, it stars Paul Newman and Robert Redford as professional "drifters" trying to shake down a mob boss played with menace by Robert Shaw with an elaborate con involving off-track betting. The director was George Roy Hill, who previously directed the charismatic pair in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. The film, which won seven Oscars, was popular international success and the ragtime music score by Mervyn Hamlish became a huge hit at the time.

It is hoped that as many members as possible can take the opportunity to view this entertaining double-bill. First time visitors will be welcome as guests of the society.

All enquiries to Jill Dwyer, 5797 2480 or jill.dwyer@bigpond.com.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to July's Aussie of the Month, Kaylam, for working really hard to learn to tell the time. Well done!



COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Week beg 8th August	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Helen Mckenzie Bernie McMahon & Sari Wawn
Week beg 14th August	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK Peter Wales Roger Broome
Saturday 6th – 28th August	 <p>Gallery34 34 High Street YEA 0407 978 317 www.gallery34.com.au "Coast and Country" in digital mixed media With artist Scott Peters</p> <p>We are also celebrating our one year birthday. Hard to believe it's been eleven exhibitions and 12 months since Gallery34 opened its doors for the first time....</p>
Sunday 7th August	<p>Paul Margocsy @ Old Post Office Seymour Exhibition opening 11am to 4pm. 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. 50 Emily Street, Seymour. Ph; 5792-3170 www.artseymour.com.au</p> 
Thursday 11th August	HiArts Annual General Meeting will be held 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.
Thursday 11th August	Murrindindi Writers 11am– all aspiring writers welcome Alexandra library an essential part of your community!
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	Black Market 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, diversity@diversity.org.au
Sunday 14th August	Keeping Chooks for Beginners 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 www.sustainable-communities.com.au
Tuesday 16th August	STROKE Jill Bolte Taylor, author of 'My Stroke of Insight' got a research opportunity few brain scientists would wish for: She had a massive stroke, and watched as her brain functions -- motion, speech, self-awareness -- shut down one by one. Hear her fascinating talk and speak to Australia's foremost expert in stroke prevention and treatment Professor Geoffrey Donnan when we hook up to the Florey Neuroscience Institute in our next 'high tech' morning talk—11am at Yea library Bookings - 57972209
Thursday 18th August	Ruffy Community Action Group – Ruffy Hall, 7.30 pm. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This will be together with a short version of our quarterly meeting and followed by a light supper. All community members are cordially invited to attend this meeting!
Friday 19th August	Storytime for 3 – 5's stories, fun, activities & songs 11am Alexandra library an essential part of your community!
Saturday 20th August	A Contemporary Green Cleaning workshop will be held at 1pm – 4pm at the Old Flour Mill Euroa. Join green clean expert Bridget Gardner and learn how to keep your home hygienically clean, without harmful chemicals, hard work or expensive products. www.sustainable-communities.com.au
Friday 19th, 6pm Saturday 20th 8pm and Sunday 21 August 4pm	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Mr Poppers Penguins" This is a lovely movie that will entertain everyone – adults and children alike. Reasonably predictable but with some very cute penguins and a slightly 'less animated than usual' Jim Carrey - it is a delight. I have to admit to not being a huge Jim Carrey fan – however I enjoyed the movie (along with my grandchildren) and will happily sit through it again! Mr Popper (Carrey) is a ruthless real estate agent with an assistant whose sentences contain many words starting with 'P'. Angela Lansbury is a just lovely in her role as a dowager with valuable real estate. Carrey is estranged from his wife and family and inherits the penguins from his late father. I did say it was predictable, but bring the children or come on your own – for an hour and a half everything else will be a world away. As usual on Friday we open the doors at 6pm for those who would like to bring their dinner and of course there will be some giveaways for the kids as well.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BEEF PRODUCERS' CONFIDENT MARKETING ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 12 October 2011 Yea
Details were in last week's newsletter.

There are only four places left in this course, so please register your interest ASAP, with Judy Brookes: 57 972 563 or juncball@bigpond.com

FOR SALE

We are wanting to sell two goats, mother and son. Mother cross toggenburg/ Boer, both goats very small and quite. Ideal lawnmowers or pets. \$50 for the pair. Phone number 57922567 or creativelyfly@spin.net.au

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BOOK REVIEW

With Lots of Love from Georgia –
By Brigid Lowry

A diary style of book that allows the reader to follow Georgia through a year of her life negotiating part-time jobs, tricky mother stuff and a boy with a delicious smile. Her father has been dead for several years and her single mum is trying to make ends meet while Georgia is trying to make sense of her world. Girlfriends, grandpa and a gorgeous guy make this year a bit special, especially when Georgia discovers 'secrets' about her family's past that shatter her rose-coloured glasses. A great read. By Pauline Roberts

BITS OF BOTANY AND

Blue gum

Our local blue gum the Eurabbie - *Eucalyptus globulus bicostata* - is one of several subspecies of *Euc. globulus*, another one being the Tasmanian or Southern blue gum commonly grown in plantations.

The Eurabbie is a tall, straight tree with bark only around the lower trunk. It has long leaves and large buds generally in threes (unlike the plantation variety which has single buds).

The young leaves and twigs of all bluegums are very distinctive – the twigs have four edges and the leaves are large oval shape with a distinct upper and underside, a bluish tinge and waxy whitish surface bloom.

Eurabbies grow on hill tops and slopes and don't seem to be as thirsty as the plantation blue gums which prefer moist environments and have a reputation for using up a lot of groundwater.

By Louise Currie



HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE YEA CHILDCARE SURVEY?

If you live in and around Yea, if you have children, grand children or planning for a family, then you need to complete this survey.

The Yea Children's Hub Steering Committee and the Murrindindi Shire Council are working together to understand childcare needs, but to get the foundations started we need you. Please take the time to complete the survey by going online to www.surveymonkey.com/s/YeaChildrensHub or pick up a copy from Yea Hospital, Yea Pre-School, Yea Library, Yea Primary, Sacred Heart Primary, Flowerdale Primary, Highlands Primary, or Flowerdale Hub and return it completed by August 19th to the addresses or fax numbers at the start of the survey document.

For more information please phone Bridget Clarke on 5736 0479 or Rebecca Haig on 94863271.

THE EVERGREEN FACES PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

This is a flagship event at the Victorian Seniors Festival, with finalist entries to be displayed at local councils and at the Festival Hub in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall during Seniors Week. During August, Victorians are being encouraged to celebrate Seniors in our communities by participating in the annual Evergreen Faces Photographic Competition. The competition period runs from 1st to 31st August, 2011. Entries can be submitted as a digital image on CD-ROM or a printed photograph can be posted to Evergreen Faces, P O Box 3011, Richmond, Vic 3121.

Entry to the competition is free and open to all ages. This year's theme is "Getting Out and About" so entries need to show over 60s enjoying life and being active out in the community.

The winning photographer will receive a trip for two to New Zealand and there's a public prize of \$500 for a lucky voter.

Competition entry forms and details of terms and conditions are available online at

www.evergreenfaces.com.au. If you have any questions, email faces@evergreenfaces.com.au or call (03) 9413 9900.

CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS BUS TRIP Australian Plant Society

STRATHBOGIE RANGES GROUP
Saturday 24 September 2011

The Strathbogrie Ranges group of the APS is planning a bus trip to the wonderful Cranbourne Botanic Gardens in September. The group are looking for additional people to join them to fill a large comfortable bus for the day.

You can immerse yourself in Australian flora, landscape, art and architecture as you experience the award winning Australian Garden. There are also 363 hectares of untouched heathlands, wetlands and woodlands for exploring.

The coach will be leaving Euroa (Picnic Shelter, Kirkland St) at 7.30 am with pickups at Longwood East – 7.45 am and Seymour (Old Court House, Emily Street) – 8.10 am. Please arrive 10 minutes before departure time.

Cost - \$28.00 including bus, entry and a 1 hour guided tour in groups of approximately 25. You can b.y.o lunch and enjoy one of the delightful picnic areas or there is an excellent café at the gardens. Enquiries – Jill Fidler – 0407 871 603 jillsgarden71@gmail.com

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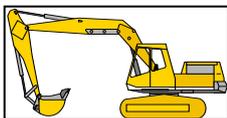
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