



PEOPLE AND PLACES

BUSH RETURNS WOODLAND TENDER

The Woodland Tender is being implemented to protect and enhance threatened grassy woodlands in the Goulburn Broken catchment. The Woodland tender recognises that assisting landholders to improve the health and protection of grassy woodlands on their property requires financial support.

Landholders will be able to competitively tender for funding to undertake management actions on parts of their property over a 5 or 10 year period (permanent protection optional).

The Bush Returns – Woodlands Tender is a joint project of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and is funded by the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Woodland Tender is targeting nationally threatened Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands, Grey Box Woodlands and Buloke Woodlands. These woodland communities typically occur on hill slopes and gently undulating country with an open and grassy understorey. The overstorey is usually dominated by White Box, Yellow Box, Blakely's Red Gum, Grey Box or Buloke, however other trees such as River Red Gum and White Cypress Pine may also occur. If you have any of these trees with some native grass understorey, there is a good chance you are eligible for assistance to protect and manage these areas under the Woodland Tender.

Register your interest by completing an Expression of Interest form. Forms and information packs are available from the DSE Benalla office (89 Sydney Rd, Benalla) or contact Dave Smith on (03) 5761 1514 or dave.smith@dse.vic.gov.au.



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Gabby: For trying really hard with her writing and recording letters. Well done!



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.

Wanted for Science:

Peter is collecting matchboxes or similar sized boxes that fit inside each other, for making musical instruments and studying sound and pitch. If you have any we'd be very grateful.

Building works:

We welcome Travis and his team of contractors to HPS. They are completing works on our buildings to ensure they are fire safe. These works are determined and paid for by the Department of Education.



Crocheting with Trish.
Mosaics with Marie



WELCOME TO ISSUE 24

Please send articles to Miranda.yorston@bigpond.com or ring on 57969261

Remember that there is no charge for advertisements, just email them to me.

"Listen, not formulating a reply, just listening, receiving another's communication." Thanks Susy for that important reminder.

MAD HATTERS RETURN

"Hilarious! I laughed out loud and you will too." (and that was just the first rehearsal!) Put these dates in your diary NOW - Friday 16th & Saturday 17th September. Then you too can enjoy the Mad Hatters' next vibrant production - "Where there's a Will." This year's must see production! Be there.

**MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY
AUGUST MEETING** Friday 19th August at the Yea Shire Chambers, 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. After supper 'The Sting' jill.dwyer@bigpond.com.

CIARA'S HPS REPORT

Hi, my name is Ciara and I did a week school swap with Kendall Richards. I go to Malvern Primary School and Kendall goes to Highlands PS. MPS has 750 kids and highlands only has 24, so it was a really big change.

I usually walk to school, but at Highlands, I had to take a 45 minute bus ride. Fortunately the bus ride wasn't boring because I had Kendall to talk to. For the first 30 mins of my school we do dipl, which is a boring spelling program (we named it destroying innocent people's lives) but for the first 10 mins at HPS, we did exercises!!!

The school learning style was much the same, but they had a senior class and a junior class, so there were different levels of work for each year level. The rules were a lot different, and HPS students were allowed to climb trees and tackle in footy. I loved the footy part, but I'm not so good at climbing trees, so that didn't really affect me.

It was also a massive plus being able to home and riding the best horse ever, gutty. All in all, it was a great week and I'd just like to thank the people who made this possible, especially the Richards, who had to put up with me !!

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Week beg 15th August	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Craig and Jenny Murphy Brian & Gail Van Rooyen
Week beg 21st August	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Glenn Watson James Matters
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. 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. On Friday we open the doors at 6pm .
Saturday 20th August	RuffArtz presents: Bluegrassy Knoll & Buster Keaton's film 'The General' 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. Glen 5790 4318
Friday 26th August	Tapas and winter treats at Rocky Passes . 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au to book.
Saturday 3rd September	The ' Save Energy, Save Money ' workshop will be held at the Seymour Customer Service Centre from 1pm – 4pm. (Please note that the start time for this workshop is 1pm not 10am as printed on the workshop invitation). Mitchell Shire Council's Sustainability Office Annemaree Docking will provide firsthand knowledge on how to reduce your home's energy consumption and your energy bills. www.sustainable-communities.com.au
Friday 9th September	'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 10th September	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Candi Westney & Vitto Oles, at Rocky Passes Estate, 1590 Highlands Rd, Whiteheads Creek. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Candi on 5796 9366 for more information.
Saturday 10th September	1-3pm - Exhibition opening " All About Love " - paintings by Leone Gabrielle - Rocky Passes RSVP 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au
Wednesday 21 September	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The TTRR will be holding its AGM on at 7pm at the Recreation Reserve. All are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in management of the Recreation Reserve. Please contact Andrew Holloway (Secretary) on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com with any enquires or apologies.
Saturday 24th September	Myrtle Beech Forests Revealing a "worts" and all story of cool temperate. Learn more about majestic Myrtle Beech trees and the impact of Myrtle-wilt, their relationships with Bryophytes and our efforts to understand their response to fire See examples up close and hear research being undertaken by: - Marianne Worley- Department of Sustainability and Environment - David Cameron- Arthur Rylah Institute 3-5pm Buxton Hall Maroondah Highway, Buxton Afternoon tea provided Please call 13 1963 to register for catering purposes A guided walk is also available on Sunday 25 September 10.30am-12 noon. BYO wet weather gear, sturdy shoes, drinks and lunch.

Classifieds & Community Notices

WALKERS WANTED!

Meet people and stretch your legs with the new FREE walking groups in Yea! Meet at Yea Community House 15 The Semi Circle, Yea (next to Library) Days and times

Monday evening 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Tuesday morning 6.30 – 7.30 am

Saturday morning 9 – 10 am (and a coffee afterwards)

Type—Moderate

Length—Up to 5 kms (45mins – 1 hr)

Suitable for everyone, people with dogs, parents with prams Commences week beginning Monday 15th August

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

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BOOK REVIEW

The Curious incident of the dog in night-time – Mark Haddon

The quirky title sets the pace for this book. It has been welcomed with praise and accolades, winning the Whitbread Book of the Year amongst other prizes. The story is told by Christopher John Francis Boone, 15 years and 3 months and 3 days old, who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome – a form of autism characterised by emotional coldness, concrete thought patterns and an inability to tolerate change. However he has an understanding of mathematics beyond his years and the chapters are numbered according to the prime numbers rather than 1,2,3, etc.

In trying to solve the mystery of the death of the next door neighbour's dog he uncovers lies and deceit about his own family that cause him to extend the boundaries of his own sheltered existence irrevocably. The narrative, written in the first person, is humorous and bowls along as Christopher undertakes his investigating and detecting in his quirky detailed manner.

By Pauline Roberts

BITS OF BOTANY AND

Maned duck - *Chenonetta jubata*

Also called Wood duck, this bird has a small bill, a grey body speckled with brown and a brown head which is brighter and darker in the male. Unusually for ducks they spend more time on land than on the water, grazing on green grasses and clover in pastureland near creeks or dams. They nest in tree hollows. They do swim, but seldom dive and if feeding in the water they only dabble on the surface. They have the worst traffic sense of any creature I've ever come across.



FOR SALE

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TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting
Monday August 22 @ 7.30
At the Terip Rec.
All Welcome

RIVER YARNS WRITING COMPETITION

Primary: story—500 word limit
poem— 100 word limit
Secondary: story—1000 word limit
poem—100 word limit
Open: story — 2500 word limit
Poem—200 word limit

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

“What does WATER mean to you?”
Include a 200 word description about your photo. For more information please contact
waterweek@gvwater.vic.gov.au or
phone 58320469

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE RAIL TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN

During their July council meetings, Mitchell, Murrindindi and Mansfield Shire Councils all adopted the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail (GRHCRT) draft Management Plan for the purposes of public exhibition and comment.

The GRHCRT draft Management Plan provides guidelines for the management of the Rail Trail to help facilitate a safe and enjoyable user experience as well as the protection and enhancement of environmental assets and ensure consistent management of the trail through the three municipalities.

The plan addresses a comprehensive range of topics which will enable the Rail Trail to be managed and promoted consistently across the three Shires including:

- Governance
- Environment and cultural heritage
- Assets maintenance
- Emergency management
- Risks
- Tourism and marketing

The draft plan can be viewed and downloaded from council's website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au. Paper copies can also be viewed at council offices in Yea and Alexandra.

Public consultation meetings will also be held in the next few weeks with all members of the community invited to come along and have a say.

MOVING ON

Moving time is rapidly approaching. We continue to build our forest of boxes and I keep running out of time to write about all that is about the all-engrossing complex experience of moving.

Every time friends come to make their ceremonial farewells as they look out over our western skyline for the last time, there are eagles circling us. What or how do they know?

As my grand daughters spent a magical day sitting in the sun with silver butterfly clips in their hair drawing pictures, I recalled my first leave-taking of a place that I loved. Memories of it, the heartache of leave and the way its topography has shaped the way I think ever since have stayed with me.

Living on Black Range too has had a profound impact. The right words elude me, but it's almost as if the appreciation of the place is heightened by the moving on. By Sari

Rocky Passes



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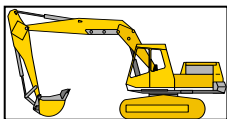
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