



PEOPLE AND PLACES

MEET SIMONE ULSTRUP, OUR NEW WEEDS & PESTS COORDINATOR.

I grew up in Clematis in the picturesque Dandenongs and after trying a few different jobs decided to join the Navy to see a bit of the world. I spent five years in the Navy and through travel and postings have lived in Sydney, Perth and Darwin. It was in the Navy that I met and married my husband Matt Ulstrup almost twelve years ago. We both discharged from the Navy and decided to move back to sunny Melbourne to be closer to my family. After renovating and selling a few homes we found ourselves wanting to have more land, and by pure chance found the perfect place in Ruffy.

We have lived in the Ruffy district for nearly four years now and in that time have thoroughly enjoyed the peace and quiet, the wonderful neighbours and the laid back lifestyle. Living here has made a significant change to our work life with Matt having to travel overseas regularly and myself having to adjust and reduce my working hours as an orthodontic dental nurse to part time for ease of travel to and from my workplace in Melbourne. We managed to juggle this well for the first few years but found that travel for the both of us became more of an issue as time went on. It became essential for me to find work locally and I have found work with an orthodontist (braces) in Benalla, and for a complete change found myself waitressing at the White Hart Hotel in Longwood. When my lovely neighbor mentioned that a job may have been coming up with the Landcare group I jumped at the chance as the role of a facilitator would fit in well and allow me to work from home.

My interests include hiking, running (I'm sure some of you have seen me pounding the turf down the streets of Ruffy!) and lead lighting. I have a goal that in early 2012 I would like to do the Kadoka trail and after that would like to travel to different places around the world for similar challenges like the Machu Picchu trek.

I am really looking forward to working with the Landcare team as a facilitator for weed and rabbit control, getting to know the locals and getting out and about in the local area.

If anyone would like to discuss what may be available for their weed and rabbit control needs ring 5790 4146 or mobile 0447563253 or email hughescreek1@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Bridie: For accurate and expressive reading and for listening to sounds.

HiArts AGM

HiArts held its eighth AGM on August 11th. The following is the Committee for the current year: Stuart Reid (President), Debbie Del Frate (Secretary), Marcia Telford (Treasurer), Karli Chase (Public Relations), Margaret & Rick McAlpin, Margaret Milburn, Judy Reid, Sharyn Shaw (Committee members). Plans are well on the way for an Art Exhibition on 2nd to 4th March 2012. Artists please take note. Application forms will be available within the next few weeks. Enquiries 5796 9358 or kadumbra@mac.com.

ALERT!

There have been reports of Phytolacca octandra aka Inkweed being evident in the Creighton Creeks and Gooram areas. The plant, pictured below, has small greenish white flowers followed by green to deep purple berries along a spike up to 20cm long. By many reports the plant is poisonous to stock and needs to be monitored. It is usually found in moister areas which is why we have seen a recent outbreak. Although there is currently no funding for treatment we would urge landholders to be aware of the plant and let us know where it is being found. hughescreek1@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO ISSUE 25

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

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

HIGHLANDS LANDCARE

It is being proposed to merge the Highlands Landcare funds with the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative. At present the Highlands Landcare group is not operating and the funds are sitting in an account, slowly dwindling with insurance costs. If you have any objections to this proposal please contact Jono Rumbold on 57969344 or 0408969399 to register your concerns, thank you.

EU and MSA MARKET ACCESS WORKSHOPS

A grain fed, high quality beef (GF-HQB) quota of 20,000 tonnes became available to Australia in January 2010. With an increase to 48,500 tonnes in 2012-13, and adding to the traditionally accessed grass fed 'Hilton Beef' quota of 7,150 tonnes, demand for EU accredited cattle will continue to stay strong. Producers accredited to supply cattle into the EU market have received premiums for their product.

Meat Standards Australia (MSA) registered product demand is also increasing. Workshops will address how to become EU accredited and MSA registered, plus the benefits of electronic identification for marketing and production with new technologies. Sessions include:


International and European market overview

- Better Beef, More Beef From Pastures, update
- How to become EU accredited
- Processor appraisal of EU and international markets
- MSA registration and how to consign
- NLIS software for beef producers
- Utilising electronic ID on beef farms

Wodonga DPI: Friday, 16th September, Mansfield: Monday 19th September, Workshops will run from 10 am - 2:30pm

Registration required for catering purposes. For further information or to register for a workshop, please contact Sam Ellis at DPI Bendigo on: mobile 0408 922 712 email: sam.ellis@dpi.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Week beg 22nd August	TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER Tim & Frances Lawrence Merv Penny
Week beg 28th August	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK Geoff Halpin Doug McCarty
Thursday 25th August	There will be no Secret Men's Business this month, BUT there will definitely be a meeting at the church next month.
Friday 26th August	Tapas and winter treats at Rocky Passes . 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au to book.
August 27 and 28	Euroa Community Cinema " Super 8 " Produced by Stephen Spielberg, this movie harks back to the kind of film he was producing in the 70s and 80s. The small town atmosphere is captured beautifully, the kids who are 'would be movie makers' are well portrayed and the train crash in the opening sequence is well staged. The story is based around a boy whose mother died recently. He hangs out with his mates making a zombie movie in Super 8mm as a film festival entry. The story becomes mysterious when men from the Air force come to town looking for "something" and things start to go crazy. This is not a movie only for younger people as it is far superior to most movies aimed at this audience.
Sunday 28th August	Highland Ramblers . Meet at Highlands Hall 10.30 am. Bring your lunch. Back by mid-afternoon. As this is the first one for a while, we'll make it a fairly easy one. For information or to let me know who's coming, contact Louise Currie at mlcurrie@bigpond.com (Ph 94371504 but I'll be away Mon-Fri).
Saturday 3rd September	The Yea Country Market occurs every 1st Saturday of each month – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. September is a very important market as it's our First Birthday – yes, the Yea Country Market has strengthened and grown over the past year into a much-anticipated monthly community event. As well as our usual array of fabulous stalls, many celebratory activities are planned, including entertainment provided by musician Charlie Griffin, gifts for children, displays in the historic Goods Shed.
3rd & 4th September	Euroa Community Cinema "Harry Potter Deathly Hallows Part 11" The final in this amazing series of stories by J K Rowling. Those that know, "know", and those that don't are mystified by all the attention these movies have attracted during the past ten years. This will finish off the previous movie which ended mid story and I am sure there is no need to go into what Harry Potter is all about here. Celebrate the final in this franchise—there is much to be enjoyed.
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
Saturday 10th September	 <p>1-3pm - Exhibition opening "All About Love" - paintings by Leone Gabrielle - Rocky Passes RSVP 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au</p>
Friday 16th & Saturday 17th September.	MAD HATTERS RETURN " <i>Hilarious! I laughed out loud and you will too.</i> " (and that was just the first rehearsal!) Put these dates in your diary NOW - Then you too can enjoy the Mad Hatters' next vibrant production - " <i>Where there's a Will.</i> " This year's must see production! Be there.
Wednesday 21st 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.
Thursday 22nd September	The next meeting of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative will be held at the Highlands hall at 7.30pm. All welcome

Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail

The Mitchell, Murrindindi, and Mansfield shires have adopted a Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail draft Management plan that is currently open to comment from the public until August 29th. The plan can be viewed on www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Classifieds & Community Notices

CLOVE BUD

(*Syzygium aromaticum*)

The evergreen clove tree stands up to 15m tall with glossy green leaves, fragrant red flowers and purple fruit. The clove bud with a pink corolla at the tip & when this fades the calyx turns a deep red, this is beaten from the tree & dried. The tree can remain productive for up to 150yrs. The word clove comes from the French 'clou' meaning nail derived from the Latin 'clarus'. It is indigenous to the Moluccas and first used in the Chinese Han period 220-206BC used to sweeten breath. Clove bud oil is water distilled and is yellow through to brown with a strong sweet spicy aroma & is affective in alleviating toothache due to its anesthetic effect.. It can help relieve arthritis, rheumatism & sprains & helps restore appetite & stimulate digestion. It can be used as an insect repellent.

Caution is needed when dealing with essential oils so for more information on the use of Clove bud oil or any other essential oil please contact Megan at 'metier aromatherapy', info@metier-a.com.au or call on 0417 314 559. Megan is an enrolled nurse & aromatherapist & works from her home in Seymour as a therapeutic & relaxation massage therapist. She makes her own skin care range & stocks Ere Perez, a 100% natural range of cosmetics.

NEWS FROM ROCKY PASSES

All about love

An exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Leone Gabrielle
Opening Saturday 10th September
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Leone has delighted locals in the Highlands area near Rocky Passes Estate for a number of years with her whimsical, beautifully executed art works. In this exhibition, she explores the nature of love.

"Love is what makes life bearable and can be full of peril and grace. Love is learning to except one's own heart."

Leone was born in 1966 and attended a number of different art schools during her formative years, when she worked mostly in black and white.

After moving to Highlands, Victoria in 1999, Leone began working in oils on canvas, as well as on a number of community murals and sculptures including a one of six large steel panels - a permanent installation - that tells the history of the land which has now become the Euroa Arboretum.

WHITEHEAD'S CREEK LANDCARE MESSAGE

Last year our group planted 2000 trees in a section of Lambing Gully Road using a grant from the Mitchell Shire. It was a great day and very well attended and many of the trees are coming on even though the weather has been a bit too wet for them. Who would have guessed we would be saying that!

Thanks to all who participated, and also thanks to Bernard O'Sullivan for making the land available to this project.

Since then Sandy MacKenzie has received a Caring for our Country Community Action Grant. This is a substantial grant that will allow us to continue this great work. We are calling it the Strathbogie Ranges to Goulburn River Biodiversity Trail and it will become a very significant Biolink and Wildlife Corridor.

Fortunately we will be able to have the time and money to plant over the next 18 months.

This year, we are planning a planting of 2000 trees over the 9th and 10th September 2011. On the Friday we are organising to have children from all the Seymour Schools attend and be part of this project. On Saturday, 10th, Landcare members and friends as well as some organisations from the community will complete the task.

There will be lunch provided on both days.

Hope you can come and lend a hand and enjoy the company.

This will be a highly visible project that will carry on the good work of this Landcare Group over the past 25 years.

BOOK REVIEW

Double Exposure – Brian Caswell

Caswell has been writing intriguing and original novels for teens for almost 20 years and his latest title Double Exposure is no exception. Chris & Cain Evesson are twins who appear to be totally opposite in all they undertake. Both are well-drawn characters who entice you to become part of their very different lives, but it is the ending that really makes the reader think twice about what they think they have just read.

By Pauline Roberts

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RUFFY "RURAL TREASURES" CLEARING SALE

ENTRIES INVITED!!

Date: Sunday October 23rd

Time: 10am

Venue: Old Ruffy Primary School, Nolans Rd. Ruffy

The Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy is inviting entries for the inaugural "Rural Treasures" Clearing Sale.

Let's face it; we've all got farm stuff lying around that we'll never use again.

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The Tablelands Community Centre will catalogue and display your "treasures" before they're knocked down to the highest bidder by Andrew Embling from LANDMARK EMBLING Alexandra.

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Some of the items already listed for sale:

Massey Ferguson 1085 Tractor w/Cab, Set of Offset Discs, 3PL Grader Blade, Corrugated Rainwater Tank, Head bail & Slider Gate, Echo Chainsaw, DeWalt Radial-arm Saw, Wormald Fire Hose & Reel, 44gal feed-bins w/lids, Hayes Wire Strainers, Hand Tools.....plus much more

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The Tablelands Community Centre will gratefully accept any donation you wish to make from the proceeds of your sale.

A beaut family day, with catering by the Ruffy CFA and great coffee from Ruffy Produce Store. So, if you've got any good old farm stuff that you want to turn into cash, simply call Don Cook 5790 4007 Ros Goodwin: 5790 4161 Justus Hagen: 5790 4268

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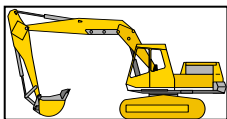
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