



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Antony Strong _

Antony is the son of Roger and Jenny Strong. He attended Highlands Primary School from 1976-82.

After completing his secondary schooling at Euroa Secondary College and Scotch College he commenced studying a combined Engineering/Commerce degree at Melbourne University where he was a resident at Trinity College.

After completing his degrees with First class honours he commenced a Masters in Engineering. However, in 1994 Ant deferred his studies when he was awarded a Rotary International Scholarship which enabled him to study overseas for twelve months. He decided to attend Bristol University in the U.K where he chose to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He returned to Australia and completed his Masters in 1996.

From 1997 -2008 Ant worked with The Boston Consulting Group. He was based in Melbourne but had stints in London and New York. In 2000 he was granted leave to complete a M.B.A. at Insead Business School in Fontainebleau in France.

In 2006 Ant was appointed National Director for Indigenous Enterprise Partners which involved working in Melbourne, Shepparton and Cape York with the aim of improving business opportunities for indigenous people. Antony is now working for the A.N.Z. Institutional Bank in Melbourne where he is the General Manager of Strategy and Marketing. He and his wife Kynwynn live in Fitzroy where he still finds the time and energy to play hockey for Melbourne Uni Hockey Club.
By Jenny Strong

COUNCIL CALLS ON COMMUNITY RESPONSE FOR RECORDING MEETINGS

Murrindindi Shire Council is proposing to audio record Council meetings and to have this available, following Council meetings, for public access on Council's website in MP3 format.

"To gauge community interest in this matter, Council is conducting a survey through its community publication Murrindindi News and on Council's website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

The survey will conclude on October 28. A report will then be prepared for Council for further consideration.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Kendall : For her academic progress, offering to assist others and being a fabulous role model. Well done!

Gardening afternoon: A gardening afternoon has been planned for next Tuesday the 18th. Students are keen to get stuck into the gardens and tidy up our school grounds. If you have an hour to spare please come along and join us from 2pm. Students can wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to students who participated in the international assessments provided by the University of NSW. Again students from HPS achieved outstanding results and were rewarded with certificates.

ENGLISH :

Congratulations to Lachie Wischer who received a Participation, Kendall Richards and Hayley Martin who received Credits and to John Bennett for his Distinction.



MATHS:

Congratulations to Luke Martin who received a Participation, Lachie Wischer who received a Credit and to John Bennett for his Distinction.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 29

If you or your children went to HPS we would love to hear what they are up to. It doesn't have to be 350 words but then again it would be fine if it is that length. Please send any news to me at mirandayorston@bigpond.com

COMMUNITIES FOR NATURE

Grants to support practical local action in the environment.

Applications are now open for a \$20 million Communities for Nature grants program.

Communities for Nature grants are for local community groups and organisations looking to improve their natural environment and conserve local biodiversity values. Activities that will be funded include biodiversity and habitat preservation, revegetation, cleaning up of waterways and control of pests and weeds.

The program will run for four years, with \$4 million available in 2011.

This year, two streams of funding are being offered; small grants of up to \$10,000 and large grants for \$10,000 to \$150,000. www.dse.vic.gov.au/communitiesfornature or contact the Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356. Applications close on Monday 19 December 2011

Highlands Caveat CFA training scheduled for Sun 23rd Oct
PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE AS IT CLASHES WITH THE RUFFY CLEARING SALE

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CLEARING SALE RUFFY SCHOOL

Multi vendors in support of
The Tablelands Community Centre
Sunday 23rd October from 10:00am

The old Ruffy Primary School - Opposite the Ruffy Produce Store. More than 200 lots of "Rural Treasures" will be auctioned by Andrew Embling from Landmark Alexandra including tractors & farm equipment, vehicles & motor-bikes, trailers, saddles & tack, antiques & collectables as well as a broad range of good used furniture. The Ruffy CFA will be cooking breakfast from 8:30am. Plenty of parking available Enquiries Don Cook 57904007 or 0408929818

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - OCTOBER /NOVEMBER 2011

Week beg 23rd October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK Barry Roworth Michael Greer
Week beg 24th October	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Helen Mckenzie
Every Tuesday from October 18 until De- cember 6th	Balancing Love & Discipline A Parenting Program The program is run by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children. Please phone Familycare office during office hours to register your interest. Ph 1800 663 107.
21st October	Seymour Women's Health , the only women's health centre for the Hume region, and Yea Community House are offering an education, information and advice session on women's health. Seymour Women's Health form part of Seymour Ambulatory Care. Time: 7—9pm Where: Yea Community House Cost: FREE
October 23 and 24	Euroa Community Cinema "The Help" 146 Mins M Drama 3 stars Based on the book by Kathryn Stockett, the movie traces the lives of African American women in the early 60's. Emma Stone as Skeeter works at the local paper and being a little uninspired by her work decides to interview maids (domestics) who are working in local homes. She encourages them to tell their individual stories. From all reports, which are varied, the movie follows the book well and gives an insight into the roles of women as employers and employees during times of change in America and one that details an important story which needs to be told and is told well.
Saturday 29th October	Jenny Houghton and Maygars Hill Vineyard Invites you to our 2011 BEERSHEBA DINNER 7.00pm Guest speaker: Tim Whitford "Discovering The Lost Diggers Of Fromelles" Venue: Maygars Hill Winery 53 Longwood - Mansfield Road Longwood East Vic 3666 Tickets: \$65 Per Person Dress: Smart Casual RSVP: Jenny: 0402 136 448 email: jenny@maygarshill.com.au
Sunday 30th October	Highland Ramblers. Meet at Highland Hall 10.30 am. For more information contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November	Rotary Club of Yea Open Gardens weekend. Stunning large country gardens and delightful town gardens. Many open for the first time. All have unique features. Open daily from 9:30am - 4:30pm. Tickets and brochures available from Elaine White 5780 1274 or from Yea Visitor Information Centre and each garden over the open weekend.
Saturday 5th November	The Yea Country Market occurs every 1st Saturday of each month – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. A fabulous array of stalls on offer by local producers, growers and makers, as well as eclectic trash and treasure stalls, all enhanced by local entertainers and delicious food and snacks.
11th Novem- ber	Seymour Women's Health is offering a PAP Clinic for PAP smears and registration with the PAP Test Registry for reminders. Bookings are essential. When: (all day) Where: Yea Women's Clinic, Grace Bennett Centre, Yea Hospital Cost: FREE Bookings: 03 5735 8050
Friday 11th November	"The Nuts and Bolts of Grazing Management" 9.30 am – 3 pm, Tablelands Community Centre (Old School)/ Ruffy Store – Ruffy, Victoria, Cost: Free of charge RSVP: 8th November to Susan Sleight Kate Sargeant and Claire Geri from the DPI EverGraze team will be presenting a practical based workshop on the fundamentals of grazing management. Getting your grazing strategies right can be the first step to a more productive, profitable and sustainable, farming business. This day will focus on grazing strategies as a management tool. The day will cover topics such as: • Grazing strategies for productive and persistence perennials • Managing different pasture types and land classes—getting it right for the whole farm • Using grazing to manage annual weeds • Pasture budgeting and tools for planning ahead For further information, or to register your interest, please contact Susan Sleight on (03) 5790 4301 or 0458 020 939 or susan.sleigh@dpi.vic.gov.au www.evergraze.com.au
Friday 18th - Sunday 20th November	Common Ground Music Festival 2011 Get excited folks, Commonground is holding its inaugural festival to celebrate the social change movement. Two days and two nights of rockin' music, inspiring workshops and frolicking fun at Commonground's beautiful bush setting near Seymour, 95kms north of Melbourne. Enjoy delicious, locally-grown food and lovely, spacious bush campsites. Be inspired, be rejuvenated, dance, play, laugh... and relax with kindred spirits. A festival of music, food and workshops is a natural extension of Commonground's spirit of community and celebration. Plus we have the most beautiful location! Commonground Festival is a celebration of you, the social change movers and shakers who want to create a just and sustainable world. It's also a celebration of Commonground; the place, the people and the ideal we aspire to. We hope our festival-goers will leave feeling inspired by the wonderful people they have met and with memories of dancing under the stars to keep their spirits high! For more information go to: https://www.groupwork.com.au/commonground/festival.html
Friday 9th December	Highlands Community Christmas Gathering, Highlands Hall, 6pm onwards. BYO everything, BBQ provided. There will be no formal part to the evening, just come along, catch up with neighbours and enjoy yourself. Last year was a terrific evening with about 50 locals so let's see if we can encourage even more out of the woodwork this year. See you there.

Classifieds & Community Notices

NEW COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME?

A series of community discussions during October is being supported by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal to discuss this very topic and everyone is invited to join in the conversation. Do we want our own community leadership program? What benefits will it bring us? What are the needs we most need to address?

"Community leaders are the backbone of our not-for-profits, sporting clubs and business groups," says Kerry Anderson from the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program. "In many different roles they volunteer their time; not for personal profit but simply for the reward of helping others and to make a positive difference to their community."

Far more powerful in the long term than the short leadership courses on offer, Kerry emphasizes that a community leadership program is led by the community for the community.

"Ten individual not-for-profits are currently operating programs across Victoria, to support and inspire existing and aspiring community leaders from all walks of life," explains Kerry. "Every program operates differently to meet their region's needs but essentially a group of participants meet approximately two days per month over a period of ten months."

With evidence gathered from over a decade, there has been demonstrated strengthening of community and industry groups and the creation of influential regional networks with ongoing benefits. "It is a truly life changing experience for so many people and their communities," says Kerry.

The first community discussion for the Murrindindi Shire will be held at the Kinglake Rebuilding Advisory Centre on Wednesday 19 October from 12 noon until 2.00pm with a light lunch provided.

A second conversation will be held at the Mount Pleasant Hotel in Alexandra on Monday 24 October from 6.00 – 8.00pm with light refreshments. To RSVP for either of these events please call Kerry on 5470-5122 or email projects@clm.org.au.

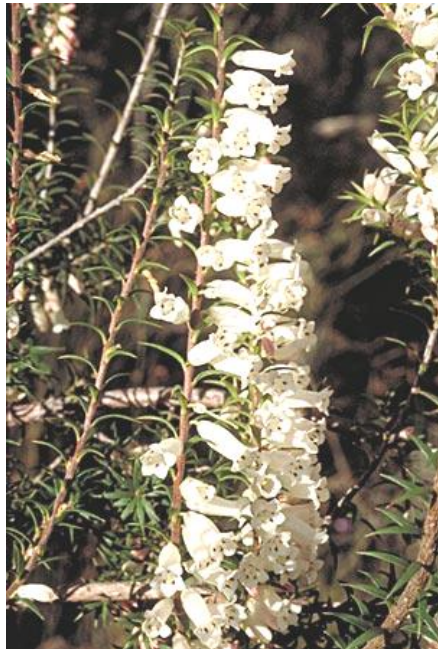
For those unable to attend there is still an opportunity to participate in this important conversation through an online survey at www.clm.org.au/new_clp.htm

For more information about this media release please contact Kerry Anderson on 5470-5122 or 0418 553 718

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Common heath - *Epacris impressa*

This is a spindly shrub to 1 metre tall with small sharp leaves and masses of bell flowers growing directly from the branches. The flowers are pink or white – in our district I've only seen white but driving down the Melba highway there is a lot of pink around Toolangi. It prefers moist soils and some tree cover. The ones on our block struggle because something (probably wallabies) eats them – I put wire around one and it's now a magnificent display of flowers. The pink form is Victoria's floral emblem.



BOOK REVIEW

Tamar – Mal Peet

Never judge a book by its cover...well I grabbed this one because it had a photo of a Lancaster bomber on the front, thought it might appeal and it certainly did. Set in the present 1995 – 2005 in England and at the very end of the Second World War in Holland, it tells the story of Tamar, his operational name, who parachutes into occupied territory, falls in love with a Dutch girl and tries to unite the various resistance factions in his part of the country. Many years later he suggests to his son that his grand-daughter to be is called Tamar and it is left to her, as a teenager, to unravel the mystery of not only her grandfather's wartime secrets, but her own father's disappearance when she was five. A fascinating read that allows the reader to experience the 'famine winter' of 1944-45 and all its repercussions. By Pauline Roberts

TAKE THE TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES

The Rotary Club of Yea is holding their inaugural Yea & District Open Gardens Weekend on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November 2011. Twelve exceptional local gardens will be open from 9:30am to 4:30pm each day. Entry is \$3 for each individual garden or a \$25 ticket will give access to all twelve gardens. Tickets are accompanied by a brochure outlining the highlights of each garden and a map pinpointing their locations.

Gardens range from town gardens to large country gardens and from newly established gardens to mature gardens with beautiful large trees giving shade, shelter and structure. Several of the gardens have large water features and all the country gardens are in magical settings with stunning views of bubbling creeks or vast vistas which provide an added bonus to the garden visit.

Many of the gardens have specialty collections, including the Iris collection at 'The Three Sisters', the hundreds of roses, including bush, standards and rambling, at 'Ferndale' and Strath Glen Station, the unique seed collector's garden with many heritage plants in Yea township and an extraordinary vegetable garden at Limestone.

"Rising Brook" in upper Flowerdale is of special interest. This beautiful garden was completely decimated in the 2009 fires and the owners were heartbroken at the devastation but with the sympathy and support from friends and complete strangers and lots of hard work, the garden is once again a sight to see. Photos of the destruction will be on display for visitors to compare then and now!

Several of the gardens will be serving morning and afternoon teas and 'Junction Hill' will be serving light lunches straight from the outdoor pizza oven.

Tickets and information available from the Rotary Club of Yea, P.O. Box 149, Yea, or Elaine White 5780 1274. Tickets and brochures will be available at Yea Visitor Information Centre and at each individual garden on the open weekend.

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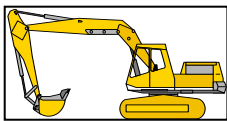
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