



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Lentil as Anything Weekend

When Jenny Webb and Miranda Yorton met Shanaka (originally from Sri Lanka) at a Landcare Conference, they were so impressed that they decided to invite him and a group of his friends to Highlands Landcare.

Shanaka arrived in Australia when he was 20 and tried unsuccessfully to become a Buddhist monk in W.A. He travelled the world and came back to Australia with the philosophy of blending environmental and social concerns and getting people to take responsibility for their own actions.

He set up a vegetarian restaurant in St. Kilda and named it 'Lentil as Anything'. He wanted to offer people the opportunity to come together, share what they have and pay whatever they think it is worth. He thought it would last 3 months but now he runs 5 restaurants, the main one being in the Abbotsford Convent precinct, and he is in the process of setting up another 4 and establishing a Board of Governance.

Last Saturday 20 people from more than 7 countries, Turkey, West Papua, Ethiopia, Nepal, Palestine, arrived by train. Les Lawson met them in a bus and drove them to Koby boys shearing quarters. Next was a delicious lunch at Hobbies. How then to work planting trees on a nearby creek. They all want to come back and see how the trees have grown so keep the cows out Scotty!

Then off they went to the Highlands hall where they produced a terrific meal for 40 locals and their group. Sunday morning and they joined 26 Highland Ramblers for their monthly walk, walking in beautiful bush along a narrow and steep ridge to a spot overlooking Molesworth, with views to Buller and beyond. After a mug of billy tea they headed back to Seymour and missed the train by 10 seconds! By Peg Lade



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is James for his participation in Monday's Science activities with Flowerdale PS. Well done James!



Dromkeen

Kassie Shaw and Imogen Geffert head off to Dromkeen camp on Sunday. We hope they have a terrific time.

Zone Cross Country

Good luck to Michael Shaw who will represent Highlands PS at Zone Cross Country on Tuesday.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to Emilie and Lachie who have read 75 nights already this year. Great effort!

We learn...

- 10% of what we read
- 20% of what we hear
- 30% of what we see
- 50% of what we both hear and see
- 70% of what is discussed
- 80% of what we experience personally
- 95% of what we teach to someone else - William Glasser

Student Awards

Senior Room
Spelling: Jarrad, Imogen, Kelly, Michael
Tables: Cuchulainn, Jack, Kelly, Michael
Home Learning: Jack, Imogen, Jarrad

Junior Room
Reading spelling words: Lachie, Kendall
Tables: Walter, Kendall
Counting: Kaylam
Home Learning: Lachie

WELCOME TO ISSUE 2.15

I have been asked by a reader to ask you if there were more people over 75 in the district, who read the report on Ageing in Victoria in the last edition of TGN. I sent it as a PDF to email addresses and as a website in the hard copy. She would like to follow up this report, and see if anything needs to be done around here. If you are interested in being part of that discussion and putting your ideas forward please email memiranda@activ8.net.au or PH 57969261.

An email from Sandy Mackenzie, Burnt Creek Landcare, "Of interest? To all who risk their necks crossing the Freeway at Avenel, there's a planning application by the roadhouse for a fourfold increase in heavy truck turning and parking (and demolishing these second oldest buildings in town (1855), the original telegraph station/store) and losing 12 gum trees"

Highlands Landcare has received a grant to erect ten roadsidesigns to identify significant indigenous plants in the Hughes Creek Catchment area. If you know of a really splendid example of any of our plants, they don't have to be enormous trees, then please let me know the name and location.

A few complaints have come in about the heading for TGN. It looks great on the email version but a bit dull on the hard copy. Send in your design and I'll change it.

A special thankstoalthepeoplewho helped make the Highlands Landcare weekend so successful, making deserts, driving vehicles, cleaning up etc. All the Lentil as Anything group want to come back and there's another 120 keentojoinin!
A note from Sharyn Shaw "thanks for a great evening and what a fantastic idea the Lentil as Anything people have, meal was fab and company even better."

Conservation Connect

Conservation Volunteers Australia and Toyota Australia are working in partnership to connect more volunteers to environmental projects across Australia. Information on projects, dates and locations can be accessed at www.conservationvolunteers.com.au Click on Conservation Connect

Thank you to all those people who are saving their empty toilet rolls and dropping them into HPS for planting grasses in the new arboretum.

Community What's On Calendar—May/June/July

Weekbeg26th	TeripTeripmowingroster KenandRobynRichards TheListersBothsidesofSpringsRoadandall4courts
25 –31May	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterChrisHeadJohnDalzielTimHayesLindsayHeffer
Wed MAY28	7.30pmTeripTeripRuralFireBrigadeBiennialGeneralMeetingwillbeheldatTeripTeripRecreationRe- serveHallAllIWelcomeAnyenquiries -BernieMcMahon Secretary -Treasurer 57904352
Thurs29th	BBQatCaveatchurch.BYOdrinksandenjoyasausagefor\$2andacatchupwithfriendsandneighbours.
Thursday29th May,2008	YEAR72009INFORMATIONEVENINGSEYMOURTECHNICALHIGHSCHOOL,LocoStreet,Seymour, OpenNight,SchoolHall,7pm. Allprospectivestudentsandparentsaremostwelcometoattend.shortspeeches,followedbyatourofthe schoolandsupper,informationonourMiddleYearsprogram&Enhanced/Acceleratedgroup,futuredirec- tionsofourschool,Enquiries:Phone57711300
Saturday31st May	TheBlackMarketatRockyPasses10am -12pm[localslow,lowkilometrefoodswapping/selling/buying]with JonoRumbold"InTheKitchen"at11amcookinghisfrittata. Althoughwe'reinbetweenseasons,youmight havesomepreserves,eggsoracakeortwothatyoumightliketoswap...Orjustdropinforachat. Enquiries:57969366.
SaturdayMay 31st	from1pm.Pies,Plonque&Petanque.TheToolambaPetanqueFestivalcomestotheRuffyStoreandhas askedustomakeupateamtochallenge.ChrisBennetwillprovidetheAntcliff'sChasetrophyforwhatwe hopewillbecomeanannualevent. CallHelenorDougPH57904387
Sunday1st June	'WalkandTalk'TourofTallarook'Wildman'Country9.30amStartingfromtheTallarookMechanicsInstitute Hall.Twoguestspeakers,RobertHollingworth,,authorof"TheycalledmetheWildman",willdiscussthe 'Wildman'ofTallarookandthehistoryofthearea.Dr.NoelSchleigerwill speakabouttheuniquegeologyof Tallarookaswemovedownthemountain.\$10tocoverlunch,kidsfree.Bookingssential:Peasecontact CarolineMossmorriscaapt.net.auor57841177orBarbaraMossMitchell.moss@iinet.net.auor57842524
1st –7thJune	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRoster BarryRowarth -MauroDeIFrateGeoffHalpin -RalphProvan
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Friday6th June	SeedProductionArea&ScienceForumWhoisinvolved?DrLindaBroadhurst,CSIRO,Canberra DrPaulGibson -Roy,GreeningAustralia,MelbourneJimBegley,DepartmentofPrimaryIndustries,Benalla AnneOvington,BallaratRegionSeedBank,CreswickWhatisitalabout?THEAIMOFTHEDAYThissex- citingcommunityforumwillpresentaseriesoftalksonSeedProductionAreas,includingthegenetic consid- erations,andtwocasestudiesthatincludetheGrassyGroundcoverResearchProjectandtheEuroaSeed ProductionArea.TheforumwillalsobeanopportunitytoexaminerecentCSIROresearchand recommen- dationsimpactingnativevegetationmanagementandseedproduction.WHOSHOULDATTEND?Allare welcome,includinganyoneinterestedindevelopingorextendingtheirrevegetationandconservationskills orlookingtoestablishaseedproductionareainthefuture.SendregistrationstoSimonHeyes,POBox435, Creswick,Vic3363Phone:(03)53214154Email:SHeyes@gavic.org.au
8 -14June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterMarkStokesVictorOles WesJeffery -RobWales
Friday13th June	'DrinksontheDeck'dinnerat6pm. Comealong&seethechangestothehallforyourself. Bringsome food&drinkstoshare&meetyourneighboursfromnear&far!HighlandsHall
15-21June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterAshleyWaiteMickLeathamMichaelLakerGlenWatson
Sunday22nd June	HighlandsRamblers.Anhistoricalwalktakingineightabandonedhutsfrom'FortWilliam'atCaveatto 'Dropmore'andledbyAndrewShaw.PH57904297MeetattheHighlandshallat10.30am
22 -28June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterJohnWoodJamesMattersRobHaynesDarrenBrock
30thJune, 2008	CanvasesfromHiArtsConversation,November2007tobereturned.PleasecontactMarciaon57969256or StuartandJudyon57969358.
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Classifieds & Community Notices

"Don't expect the price of chemicals to fall soon."

That's the latest message coming from the manufacturers. To add to the woes, there are unconfirmed reports that a number of ag chem manufacturing factories have been caught up in the tragic earthquake in China. This will mean a further tightening in supply until at least September.

In the last few weeks there had been an improvement in the supply of glyphosate products with the exception of Roundup Powermax. Some of the generic manufacturers had been able to bring 360 and 450 strength product into the country. Unfortunately the price continues to rise with each delivery.

With the good rains across the state over the weekend there has been a spike in demand for knockdown chemicals. Fortunately, after a delay of several weeks for delivery, Wales Rural now have good stock of glyphosate across the range, including Roundup Powermax. Other knockdowns are also in good supply.

World demand is driving up chemical and fertilizer prices. Demand is also driving up the cost of food. According to a 2006 study by the Food & Agriculture Organisation and the World Bank, in the last 40 years the world population has doubled and the amount of agricultural land available per head of population is down by two thirds. The front page of The Age on April 15 carried a story about the World Food Crisis explaining that 100 million people are being pushed deeper into poverty due to the rise in the cost of staples: wheat up 120% in a year, rice up 75% in two months.

According to the report, at least part of the problem is the diversion of grains into biofuels - 240kg of corn is enough to feed one person for a year or produce 100lt of fuel.

World leaders have responded with funding for the World Food Program but this is not something that is going to be solved overnight. The dual demands for food and for alternative fuel sources are going to continue to place high stress on the agricultural industry to produce more - even as available agricultural land shrinks.

We reaffirm that we are ready to support any landholder or program seeking to maximize farm productivity. Please contact us if we can be of assistance. WALES RURAL TRADERS" walesrur@ruralco.com.au

CFA VOLUNTEER WELFARE FUND ESTABLISHED

A \$2 million welfare fund supporting CFA volunteers will be established.

"CFA's 60,000 volunteers often respond to calls for help from mothers, now this funding will mean they can seek assistance should they need help themselves," Mr Cameron said.

As well, all CFA operational radios will also be replaced across Victoria as part of a \$12.8 million CFA emergency radio replacement package to secure the CFA emergency communications network for the next decade.

Victoria's fire services attended more than 5370 fires over this fire season despite it being a milder summer than previous years.

Orphans Service

Any farmer that have orphaned livestock that need to be hand reared please call Michael Shaw

57904297, we will collect them and give them the TLC they need.

Highlands Caveat RFB

There was significant interest in the Highland Caveat Rural Fire Brigade election that were held as part of the biennial Annual General Meeting. 54 members were present to decide on the team they wanted to lead their community brigade for the next two years. The following members were elected to the brigade management team:

Captain Andrew Shaw
1st Lieutenant Scott McKay
2nd Lieutenant Peter Roberts
3rd Lieutenant Frits Pompe
Secretary James Holyman
Treasurer Sharyn Shaw
Communications Officer Jonathan Rumbold

The essential support roles such as delegates to the Yea Group, the Rural Association and the municipal fire prevention committees were also filled.

Special thanks were given to the current brigade management team for their leadership and management of the brigade over the past two years.

The brigade would also like to thank Operations Manager Peter Creak, Operations Officer John Leben and Group Officer Neil Beer for conducting the election.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

YELLOW TAILED BLACK COCKATOOS are around at the moment, so keep a lookout for these large black birds, with yellow tail panels and a yellow patch behind the eye. They have enormously strong beaks used for tearing into the sapwood of acacias, eucalypt etc, to get at the "white grubs". They are also adept at getting at seeds of hakeas, blackwoods, banksias and exotic pines. They need really large tree hollows in which to breed, and are seasonally nomadic from high country to the lowlands around southeastern Australia.



HiArts Community Conversation

In November last year a Conversation was held at the Highlands Hall discussing aspects of the environment that influence their artwork.

Participants were given canvases to take home and use to express their interpretation of their environment "The view from their window".

HiArts is asking for participants to try and get their canvases completed by 30th June.

We plan to have a sharing of the canvases on Saturday the 5th June over lunch. Further details later. Any queries contact Marcia on 57969256 or Stuart and Judy 57969358.

For Sale

Ashford spinning wheel. \$100 Tel. Deanne 57969365 or 0414868365

Found white cat 57904237

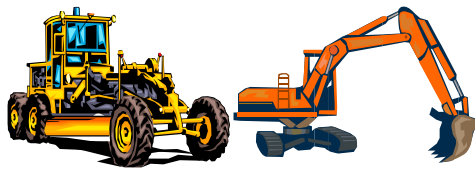
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