



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Frances Lawrence

After many years more or less on the move, Frances Lawrence, daughter of Joan and Albert Penny returned to Terip two years ago with her husband Tim Lawrence and sons Matthew and Robert.

Frances was one of the last students to attend the school at Terip before it closed. After that she attended the Ruffys school. And later, for her secondary education Euroa Secondary College. When she had completed her schooling she worked as a laboratory technician in Melbourne for six years.

In 1992, Frances went to the United Kingdom on a farming exchange program, and then for the next few years she travelled back and forth, coming home for a while and also working on farms at Peshurst and Tongala. Frances is now running the family farm while Tim is working in farm machinery sales.

As part of the Terip tennis team, Frances is honouring another family tradition. And as treasurer of the Terip Recreation Reserve Committee, she is taking an active role in planning the renovations for the Rec Reserve building and surrounds.

Young Matthew, as one of the fourth generation of the Penny family, has just started primary school in Euroa Primary and already looks as though he will carry on the tradition of community involvement. He sent a submission to the recent public meeting outlining his ideas for improving the local facilities. With any luck, by the time he is ready to join the tennis team, those improvements, as well as all the others suggested, will have been carried out.

When asked about the greatest changes she noticed when she returned to Terip, without hesitation, Frances said the faces. Although she was referring to the fact that so many new faces have arrived in the area in recent years, she began to think about how over time, even the most familiar faces both new and old must surely but slowly be changing without our noticing.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Warm Welcome: How lovely it was to see so many happy smiling faces when I returned on Tuesday. It is with great appreciation that I thank Meagan for her wonderful leadership and teaching during my absence. It has been very pleasing to see the progress each student has made over the 6 weeks. Thank to the families who made Meagan feel so welcome and assisted her during her stay.

Winter Round Robin: Miranda and 4 students travelled to Yeato participate in the Winter Round Robin. Imogen was particularly happy about meeting some new people as she knew nobody in her activity at the beginning of the day. Michael's comment about how dangerous football can get when tackling if not played by the rules is an issue that is gathering quite a bit of media attention currently. Below is Brett and myself on The Day.



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Walter Geffert, the May Aussie of the Month.

For being inclusive in games, enthusiastic with his work and encouraging others. Well done Walter!



WELCOME TO ISSUE 18

I read this in the Baynton Sidonia Landcare Group Newsletter. It's about my favourite trees so I couldn't resist putting it in and they grow beautifully in our area.

"Casuarinas are surely the tree that has it all – graceful branches, covered with pin needle-like leaves that filter the wind (and make that beautiful shushuring noise while they do it), they fix atmospheric nitrogen in the soil to the benefit of surrounding plants, they provide useful wildlife habitat and the big nuts are food for our larger parrots and their spreading crown provides shade for stock. Casuarinas are tough trees, growing happily in exposed situations on rocky outcrops and dry ridges on poor and rocky soils. Casuarina wood burns beautifully and is much sought after by woodturners. The fallen needles create lovely soft mulch. The pollen of the male trees sends any nearby honeybees into a frenzy of collection. And the sight of a clump of casuarinas dancing and waving their branches in a stiff breeze will surely excite even the hardest heart!"

Any more suggestions for roadside signs of beautiful specimens of our indigenous trees? Any more eagle sightings? miranda@activ8.net.au

Highlands Community Hall Update

Thank to both Federal & State governments, Murrindindi Shire & many volunteers, most of the funded work at the hall is now complete & the hall and surrounds are looking good.

There are still some funds leftover & the committee is looking into possibilities.

So far the list includes: an instant gas hot water system (the existing one didn't cope well with the 'Lentils Anything Dinner')

improved lighting inside & outside sound system for hall

have the ceilings painted by a professional painter

an outdoor metal cupboard for sport equipment

Watch the 'Granite News' for more information or phone Judy Reidon 57969358

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

Weekbeg16th	TeripTeripmowingroster DarylandAnnCoxBernieandSariMcMahon BothsidesofSpringsRoadandall4courts
15-21June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterAshleyWaiteMickLeathamMichaelLakerGlenWatson
Thursday 19thJune	SwanpoolLandcareGroup,7.30pmattheSwanpoolHall.DrRogerPaskin,aNamibian(SouthWestAfrica) veterinarianwhohasrecentlystartedworkinVictoriaasthestateepidemiologist.Thetitleofhistalkis"On Mosquitoes,PrionsandListeningtoGaia".DrPaskinworkedwithAllanSavory,onrangelandmanagement inAfrica.AllanSavoryfromZimbabwedevopedtheconceptofHolisticFarmManagementandcellgrazing.DrPaskinstartedoutasaprivateveterinarypractitionerinSouthAfrica,butmovedtoNamibiain1984 asaDistrictVeterinaryOfficerwiththeNamibianMinistryofAgriculturewherehisdutiesinvolvedwildlife captureandgameranchmanagement.HebecameDeputyCVOin1992. HethenjoinedFAOandmovedto Romefor4years;wherehespentthistimerunningdevelopmentprojectsandassistingwithbuildingsurveil- lancesystemsandemergencyresponsesinvariouscountriesinAfrica,AsiaandLatinAmerica.Hereturned toNamibiain2002andthenjoinedtheVictorianDPLinAugust2006asanepidemiologist.DrPaskin'stalk willbewiderangingandheisanentertainingsspeaker.Allwillbewelcome.
Sunday22nd June	HighlandsRamblers.Anhistoricalwalktakingineightabandonedhutsfrom'FortWilliam'atCaveatto 'Dropmore'andledbyAndrewShaw.PH57904297MeetattheHighlandshallat10.30am
Monday23rd June	YeaHighSchoolInformationEvening:YeaHighSchoolareholdinganinformationeveningfor2009Year 7sat7.30pmatYeaHighSchool.PleasecontactYear7co -ordinatorJarrodHealon57972207formore information.
ArborWeek 23-29June 2008	InresponsetothedroughtArborWeekhaschangedfromMaytoJune.InpreviousyearsArborWeekwas focusedmainlyontreepplanting.However,inordertoprotectstandsofremnantvegetation, re -establishde- gradedecosystemsandhabitatsandincreasebiodiversitythefocushaschangedtoincludeallnativevege- tation.WiththisinmindthethemeforArborWeekthisyearis"CreatingHabitatsforallLivingThings".
Thur26thJune	CaveatChurchsausageandchatAllwelcome.5.30pm
22 -28June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterJohnWoodJamesMattersRobHaynesDarrenBrock
30thJune, 2008	CanvasesfromHiArtsConversation,November2007tobereturned.PleasecontactMarciaon57969256or StuartandJudyon57969358.
5thJuly,2008	CommunityCanvasses.10.30am.MorningCoffeoontheDeck,HighlandsHall.Canvasseswillbeon displayandcontributionsoughtforthebestwaytodisplaythecommunitycanvasses.
Saturday5th July	RUFFYARTSHOW&SALERETURNS INNOVEMBER2008. Therewillbeaninformalmorningteaat 10.00amtodiscusstheformatofthisyear'sShow. Ifyouwouldliketobeinvolvedintheplanningofthis greateventcomealongandbringyourideasorphoneGlenon57904318withanysuggestionsifyoucan't makethemorningtea.
Friday11th July	'DrinksontheDeck'Thenextgettogetherfor'DrinksontheDeck'isat6.30pm.Comeandenjoya sharedmealattheHighlandsCommunityHall.
Saturday19 July	TheFabulousSwingingSixtiesareComingtotheRuffyHall. 60'sSpicks'nSpecksMusicTrivia,Disco& Dancing.Lotsofprizes. Morenewstofollow. Tickets\$15eafromGlenPh57904318. Bookingsessential. Thissoundslikealotoffun.
SATURDAY 26THJULY, 2008	TERIPTERIPCOMMUNITYDINNERCHRISTMASINJULYTHERECSERVE 6PMFORSHERRIESANDNIBBLES7PMDINNERBYODRINKS&GLASS\$15PERPERSON \$5FORSCHOOLCHILDRENPLEASEBRINGCHRISTMASNIBBLESORDESSERTBESTCHRIST- MASPUDDINGCOMPETITIONRSVP,WEDNESDAY23RDJULY LUCRAVEN -57904011,FRANCESLAWRENCE -0432324929
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2ndAugust, 2008	PreliminaryNotice:HiArtsConversation:"TheArtistandSocialResponsibility".HighlandsHall,10 —3pm. \$10.00registration.Morningteaandlunchprovided.

Classifieds & Community Notices

Environmental Management System for Puckapunyal

This seeks a balance for the formal integration of policy, training imperatives and on-ground management work within the goals of the sustainable management of the ecosystem.

The objective of this is to protect significant species and habitats from the adverse impacts of Defence activities and manage all other threatening processes. The target to achieve is no adverse impacts and no net loss in indigenous species or areas of vegetation.

Armoured vehicles require open country for many of their training activities and the Joint Proof and Experimental Unit (JPEU), Graytown, requires open areas to accurately assess the effects of ammunition tests and avoid the spread of fire. Cleared areas have therefore been retained at the site, while others have been revegetated.

Although this retention of cleared areas may seem inconsistent with conservation, it is likely to be an important factor in the increases in populations of threatened species such as Bush Stone-curlew and Fat-tailed Dunnart (*Sminthopsis crassicaudata*). However, some of these open areas – specifically Range East, and parts of Range West and JPEU, Graytown – are maintained predominantly as areas of introduced grassland with smaller areas of woodland. This is because native grasses have not been found to provide the amount of cover and resilience required to cushion the manoeuvres of tanks. Elsewhere in the woodlands and forests, tree, shrub and understorey cover is an important element for training and to provide buffer zones around specific activities – and has also resulted in benefits to wildlife.

In Range West, two breeding pairs of Powerful Owl share their respective favourite breeding gullies with Army personnel training how to patrol at night and one pair lives 'next door' to a grenadier range. Areas used for live firing are essential for training and equally important for wildlife. Breeding pairs of Bush Stone-curlew and Bark-ing Owl have been present for at least 9 years immediately either side of the main static firing point used for gunnery training by armoured vehicles.

They continue to improve the management of the site and to undertake management actions that will sustain Puckapunyal for the next 100 years.

Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)

Periwinkle is a creeping plant that is native to Europe and northern Africa and has been introduced to other continents as an ornamental plant or medicinal herb.

Periwinkle's broad-leaved runners form a dense mat, shading out native plants and competing for moisture and nutrients.

- It mainly spreads vegetatively but some patches also produce seeds.
- Very small isolated patches (<1m²) can be dug out. Stem and root fragments can resprout so all plant material needs to be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately.
- Herbicide treatment can be effective if applied when plants are actively growing and followed up.
- Along waterways, particular care is needed with physical or chemical treatments to prevent erosion and contamination. There may be restriction on chemical use.
- All treatment needs to be followed up for several years.



FIREWOOD SALES A BURNING ISSUE

Victorians should be wary of underweight firewood and dodgy firewood traders this winter. The Member for Seymour, Ben Hardman said Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) trade measurement inspectors conducted regular inspections to make sure pre-packaged firewood was correctly weighted and were focussing on pre-packaged firewood and firewood suppliers following an increasing trend for pre-packaged firewood to be sold at retail outlets such as service stations.

Firewood sold in bags as a pre-packed article must have the name and address of the packer on the outside wrapping, as well as a price and weight statement.

Mr Hardman encouraged consumers who believe they have been sold underweight wood to immediately contact their local CAV Trade Measurement Inspector on 1300365500.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

LICHENS are small ecosystems, consisting of a fungus and one or more photosynthetic partners – an alga, a cyanobacteria or both. The fungus provides a stable environment and the alga provides the food. Lichens absorb water, nutrients and airborne pollutants (which can kill the lichen, so a healthy lichen is a sign of a healthy environment!). Worldwide, there are up to 17,000 species. Have a look at your granite boulders and be amazed at the variety.



H.C.F.B Mudbash Wood

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cutting, collecting and selling of the wood and using their own personal equipment. Also to Gareth & Allan for Friday & Saturday nights and splitting most of the wood. Les Gates

FOR SALE

Staffordshire Puppies. 2 female, 1 male, white & black, white & brindle, \$2000 ONO.

Aluminium Tinny with 9 1/2 Johnson outboard. V nose. Flat bottom. 3.4m long \$700

Jeannie & Ken Webb PH57976255

RECYCLING AT YEA TRANSFER STATION

Yea now has facilities to collect chemical plastic drums. Make sure you rinse them out 3 times first. If you take your own wool pack with silage wrappers and twine, the pack will be replaced. Speak to John Hammond if you need more information PH57969310

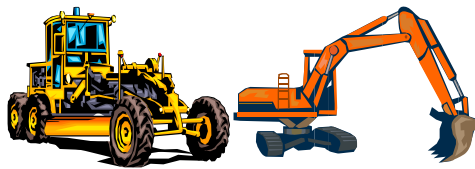
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