



PEOPLE AND PLACES

STEVE McALPIN.

Steve's Scottish great-grandfather, Archibald McAlpin, a carpenter, with his wife and 10 children established a successful wheelbarrow-making business at the Victorian goldfields in the 1850s. One of these 10, another Archibald, with his wife, (Alice Ware), was a selector in Highlands in the 1880s. The farm was later taken on by Steve's father, Archie and his wife (Janet Lade). Steve still lives in the same house, with his partner, Paula, and daughter Emily. Ben, Stuart and Kate visit frequently.

Steve was educated at Highlands Primary, Yea High and Wangaratta Tech, where he did a wool classing and farming course. He says she should have done engineering, but taught himself to weld and became an inventor.

He won 10 prizes at the Melbourne Show for Farm Inventions, and 3 for Best Welder. In 1980, his most quirky invention was his famous sheep drawn "chariot". In 1984, he arrived at his wedding to Kim Padgett in the chariot. Pictures were flashed around the world, and 2 media helicopters landed on the Yea Rec.

Steve, Peter Yorston and Russell Ralph, in the chariot, led a Farmers' March in Melbourne in 1985, and also made headlines..

For about 20 years, Steve and his late mother made sheepskin boots to supplement low farm incomes. Steve was a founding member of the old "Highlands Club", their activities included Races, Woolshed Dances, Drama, golf, and cards, and what fun they all had! Steve made 2 rafts for the Goulburn River, until they all nearly drowned on a serious snag!

Steve worked in the Mining industry in WA for 6 months with Rick McAlpin and Nick Gardiner. From 1984 to 1997, Steve and Kim raised 4 children, and Steve started production of his most successful inventions, a chainsaw sharpening jig, and a firewood cutting holder. These have been sold in their 1000s at field days throughout Victoria.

For many years, Steve has been active in the Highlands - Caveat CFA, and on the Hall Committee. He is always willing, and capable, of lending a hand anywhere it's needed and is a kind and gentleman.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WANTED Preps for 2009

If you have a child starting school at Highlands Primary in 2009 please contact the Principal, Allyson Dixon on 57969208 to discuss enrolling your child.

End of Term Student Awards

At the end of term we celebrate the wonderful efforts made by all of our students by handing out awards at assembly.

Congratulations to the following students:

Home Learning Hotshots: John, Kendall, Laura, Cuchulainn, Michael, Jarrad, Kassie, Imogen, Kelly and Jack

Tops in Tables: Jack, Michael, Imogen, Kelly, and Laura

Super Spelling: Michael, John, Kelly, Jack, Imogen and Jarrad

Ripper Reading: Rick, James, Lachie, Walter, Emillie and Kaylam

Black market

The Black Market is taking a winter break, but will resume when veggie gardens start to bloom again. Many thanks to those who have supported "The Black Market" and "In the Kitchen" this year. Watch this space for renewal in Spring.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 20

It's great to be back at the computer!! Below is a fabulous photo of a wedge tailed eagle's nest taken by Jenny Webbin Waggs Range. We have been offered financial assistance to track our wonderful eagle to gain a better understanding of their habits. We still need more information about the location of their nests. PLEASE send me any information you have about the location of nests in our districts so we can get this project up and running. So far I have only heard of 8 nests around here.
miranda@activ8.net.au

Thanks to Pauline and Peter Roberts, Jo Trantor and Louise Currie who have all offered to fold TGN once a month for Highlands. Things are looking up!

Remember that wool packs are now available at the Yea Transfer Station for your silage wrap and baling twine. Ask John Hammond for more information.

The HCC and the Murrindindi Shire are working together looking at ways to protect our roadside vegetation. I will be taking road side suggestions to the relevant CFA groups for their approval to make sure we are not inadvertently creating fire risks. Please let me know if you have an area that you think should be protected. We need to be able to show that the area contains significant or threatened species of flora. I know it's challenging but we need to stop thinking that tidy equals best practice.



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

Weekbeg21st	TeripTeripmowingroster TimandFrancesLawrenceJohnandLuCraven AroundClubhouseandall4courts
20-26July	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRoster R.Chisholm -ScottJames NedJeffery -LindsayHeffer
SATURDAY 26THJULY, 2008	TERIPTERIPCOMMUNITYDINNERCHRISTMASINJULYHERECRESERVE 6PMFORSHERRIESANDNIBBLES7PMDINNERBYODRINKS&GLASS\$15PERPERSON - \$5FORSCHOOLCHILDRENPLEASEBRINGCHRISTMASNIBBLESORDESSERTBESTCHRIST- MASPUDDINGCOMPETITIONRSVPNOW. Itisvitaltobooktoensureyouhaveaseat,otherwiseyoucouldbeabit chilly!
Sunday27th July	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSnextwalkwillbeinthevicinityofBlueTopRoad,spectacularrocksandviews. MeetatHighlandsHallat10.30am.ContactPegLade57969222.
Sunday27th July	TheWhiteHartHotel,Longwood.There'saspecialthemedlunch"ATasteofSpain"whichwillbeaive courselunchwithmatchingwinesfor\$59.00perperson.The lunchwillbeheldonat12.00pm(bookings essential)
27July -02 Aug	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterA.Coulson -RalphProven RichardWaugh -Shaun Clarke
Friday1Au- gust	RaimondGaitaProfessorofPhilosophyattheAustralianCatholicUniversityandProfessorofMoralPhiloso- phyatKing'sCollegeLondon,ShireHallAlexandra7.30 —9pm.Joinusforaeveningofthoughtprovoking ideasonlove(truthandjustice(thechoiceswemakeandissueshatchallengeourworld).Auniqueoppor- tunitytoparticipateinachallengingeveningoflivelyandinformeddiscussionwithaleadingphilosopherof ourtime.Bookings57720349SponsoredbyFriendsoftheLibraryAlexandraRomulusMyfather(1998)A CommonHumanity -ThinkingaboutLoveandTruthandJustice(1999)ThePhilosopher4sDog(2002)
Tuesday12th August	IntroductiontoVolunteeringInformationsession.10 -12noon.SecondTuesdayofeverymonth.Mitchell ShireCouncilChambers,113HighStreet,Broadford.Morningteaprovided. FormoreinformationringCandice57346253oremailcandiceg@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au TransporttosessionsisavailablefreewithintheMitchellShire
2ndAugust, 2008	PreliminaryNotice:HiArtsConversation:"TheArtistandSocialResponsibility".HighlandsHall,10 -3pm. \$10.00registration.Morningteaandlunchprovided.
Saturday30th August	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -GeneralStore -jazz,bluesswing &samba 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.)orinformation.
Saturday23rd August	TheWhiteHartHotel,Longwood.Liveband,startingat7.30pm.... -PaulWookeywithDamienO'Neil (Country&Blues)
Friday5th September	HighlandsPrimarySchoolTalentNightHighlandshall7.30pmMoreinformationcoming.Markthedatain yourdiarynow.
Saturday6th September	GlidersontheGoulburn7:00pmLocation/Meetingpoint: LionsPark/NewCrossingPlacePark,Seymour - taketheturninatheRoyalHotel,EmilyStreet).Meetattheboatramp. Shortdescription:AspotlightwalkalongtheGoulburnRiverinSeymour. Possumsandglidersliveinthebig redgumsalongtheriver. Duringtheday,theysleepintreehollows,butemergeatnighttolookfortheir breakfast. Breakfastcanincludethesapofthewattlesalongtheriverbank,andweoftenseethelittle SugarGliderssoaringbetweentreestoreachthebestwaterfrontcafes. Koalasalsolivealongtheriver- bank,andwouldalsobeenjoyingtheirbreakfastofeucalyptleaves. Thewalkwillbeastrollofflessthan2 hours.AnythingtoBYO:Suitableclothesfortheweather,plustorches. RSVP/Formoreinformation,pleasecontact:PeterMitchell,DPIBroadfordon57840622or0409432498
13thSeptem- ber	WhiteheadscreekLandcareAGMGuestspeaker StevenRawlins whohasheldveryhighpositionsinthe DeptofAgricultureintheUS.Hewilltalkaboutthefutureoffoodproductioninatimeofheightenedcarbon dioxide.ThisLandcaregroupisregainingsoldvitalityafteraperiodofcapacitybuilding(astheysay)and ifyouwouldliketogetininvolvedoncemore,youwouldbereallyvalued.Thisgroupisimportanttoour community'ssustainability(alongwiththefirebrigade)andyourinputcanonlyseeitgrowinstrength.So pleasecomealong,hearaveryinterestingspeaker,andcatchupwithyourfriendsand neighbours. withguestspeakerStevenRawlinswhohasheldveryhighpositionsintheDeptofAgricultureintheUS.He willtalkaboutthefutureoffoodproductioninatimeofheightenedcarbondioxide.YourLandcaregroupis regainingsoldvitalityafteraperiodofcapacitybuilding(astheysay)andifyouwouldliketogetininvolved oncemore,youwouldbereallyvalued.Thisgroupisimportanttoourcommunity'ssustainability(along withthefirebrigade)andyourinputcanonlyseeitgrowinstrength.Sopleasecomealong,hearavery interestingspeaker,andcatchupwithyourfriendsandneighbours.

Classifieds & Community Notices

CRANBOURNE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS BUS TRIP

4TH OCTOBER 2008 20 PLACES
AVAILABLE, DON'T MISS OUT.

Ring Miranda PH57969261 or email
miranda@activ8.net.au to secure your
place. There will be a guided tour,
starting at 11am at the gardens so
we'll be leaving from the Highlands
Hall at 9am.

Congratulations

Tim, Cindy & Bridie Hayes proudly
announce the arrival of ADAGRACE.
Born in Seymour on June 18, 2008 -
8lb 12oz. All well.

Work Wanted

Highlands area. Farm fencing, farm
hand, lawn mowing and gardening or
odd jobs around the farm or house.
Reasonable rates ABN supplied.
Susan Milroy PH57969192

Managing Australian Landscapes in a Changing Climate

The Department of Climate Change
recently published a climate change
primer which looks at potential climate
change impacts for issues like salinity,
native vegetation, water, weeds, ferals
and fire and aims to assist regional
NRM bodies to think about how to
handle climate change. To download
the publication visit
[www.greenhouse.gov.au/impacts/
publications/nrm.html](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/impacts/publications/nrm.html)

RAINFALL

Highlands managed a well below av-
erage June, with 45.6mms, making
288.2 for the year so far. Terip had
41.2mms, and a heavy hail storm last
week, also a wind storm which
snapped off several hugetrees. No
snow reports for the tableland, but
good rains so far in July and very low
temps.

FOR SALE

Staffordshire Puppies. 2 female,
1 male, white & black, white & brin-
dle, \$2000 ONO.

Aluminium Tinny with 91/2 Johnson
outboard. V nose. Flat bottom. 3.4m
long \$700
Jeannie & Ken Webb PH57976255

Review of Riparian Land Management in Victoria

A report titled Review of Riparian
Land Management in Victoria was
commissioned by the Department of
Sustainability and Environment, to
provide background and inform ripar-
ian policy development for the Green
Paper. It considers a range of admin-
istrative and statutory issues with
regard to riparian land management
and proposes a range of options for
improving their management.

The report, prepared by The Public
Land Consultancy, contains the views
of the consultant alone and does not
contain the views of Government nor
the Department of Sustainability and
Environment. To download the report
please go to the following [http://
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NEST BOX DAY

20th September 2008

Seymour Bushland Park is an inter-
esting area of 62HA within our catch-
ment. It demonstrates what can hap-
pen if you exclude stock, after a cen-
tury of grazing and military activity.
Along with the Telegraph Road re-
serve, it has very high biodiversity
values. But few old trees with hollows
for possums. Our native birds and
animals are not only cute, they pro-
vide valuable ecosystem services",
eg a sugar glider eats enormous num-
bers of insects which attack our trees,
and even the common brushtail is
thought to be a good controller of mis-
tletoe as it devours the emerging new
shoots.

The Bushland Park committee, with
the help of Seymour Men's Shed and
Seymour Technical High School has
constructed nest boxes for possums,
gliders and small birds such as tree
creepers. These nest boxes will be
installed on 20th Sept, and the com-
munity is invited to a picnic and nature
walk on the day. Contact Lesley on
jldalziel@bordnet.com.au for infor-
mation.

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BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

TETRA THECACILIATA - "Black-eyed
Susan" or "Pink Bells" is a small shrub
with flowers of 4 pink to lilac petals
and black stamens. It used to be quite
common on our roadsides, and is a
very attractive understorey bush. It
can be grown from cuttings but it is
difficult to collect seed. It flowers
in Spring, so keep a lookout for it.



NURSE-ON-CALL HELPS PATIENTS AND HOSPITALS

The Nurse-On-Call service has be-
come a vital resource for Victorian
families, taking more than 740,000
calls since it began two years ago.

Mr Hardman said there had been
3182 calls over the two years from
residents in Mitchell Shire and 696
calls from residents in Murrumbidgee
Shire.

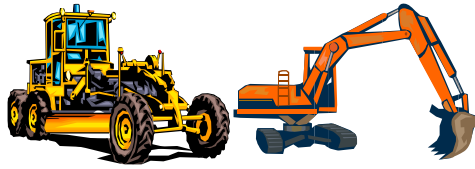
"This 24-hour advice and information
line is a trusted resource for Victorian
families, helping them decide if they
need to attend hospital or a doctor
straightaway, whether their illness or
condition could be treated by a GP
the next day, or if they can manage it
themselves.

"Around four out of 10 of the people
whose illness or injury was the sub-
ject of a call were aged under 15. The
most common ailments about which
calls were made were vomiting and
fever among children, abdominal pain
or discomfort, adult nausea and vom-
iting and chest pain." People can ring
Nurse-On-Call on 1300606024

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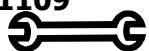
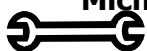


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