



PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOUISE and MARK CURRIE.

Louise and Mark Currie live in Melbourne, but have a weekend cottage on a block near Caveat. Mark is retired and Louise is currently on several months long -service leave, and they are both quite involved in the Highlands Community, to our great pleasure!

They have just returned from an overseas trip and here is Louise's story.

"We left Australia in early May for a 2 month holiday overseas, first stop Vancouver island and it's beautiful moist forests and rocky shoreline.

Next we boarded our Alaskan cruise ship for a 7 -day cruise to Seward, Alaska. The ship was very comfortable and lavishly decorated and furnished. The meals were great. After dressing up for the first couple of nights in the table serviced dining room, we discovered the buffet served exactly the same menu, you could turn up in jeans, and you could go back for seconds!

From the ship, the most exciting scenery was in Glacier Bay, where the snow-covered mountains came down to the water's edge as did several massive glaciers, and chunks of ice floated on the surface of the seawater.

A week -long tour of Alaska followed, ending up in Fairbanks. The most spectacular spot was Denali National Park, a truly wild place. The only road through the park is only accessible by Park buses, and on our 8 -hour trip, we saw soaring mountains cut by massive valleys, still frozen rivers, bears, caribou, moose, mountain sheep, a wolf and golden eagles.

Then a quiet month in the UK visiting Mark's 3 daughters. Then we had a week's stop over in Japan, armed with 2 words of Japanese: Gaijinbochi (foreigners cemetery). First was Yokohama where we found the graves of Mark's great -grandparents, who had lived there in the 1860s. Next, Kobe for his grandfather's grave which also contained his mother's ashes. She asked to be buried there when she died 4 years ago. We also found the addresses where she lived as a child, though the houses were gone. Then sight-seeing in Kyoto and Tokyo before returning home.

Overall, a wonderful trip."

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week:

Cuchulainn Coulter for his fantastic leadership of the long jump activity at the Junior Fun Day.

Junior Fun Day:

On Thursday August 7th it was the Junior Fun Day. 120P -2 students from HPS, Flowerdale PS, Yea PS and Sacred Heart PS participated in the activities. The activities we did were: locomotion trail, tall jump, long jump, oval run, distance throw, target throw, long kick and relays. There were lots of parents and teachers cheering us on. Written by P -1

Gardening Group:

Thanksto Maree Gilbert who has begun working with a group of students to plant out the vegetable patch. With Maree's help we have been able to reenergize students and staff about the gardens. The next focus is the pile of dirt near the front fence.

Knitting Classes:

Thanksto all those wonderful families who sent in wool and knitting needles. We began knitting gormaking pom pom swith Jennie and Peg on Tuesday. We had such a great response that we no longer require anymore wool or needles.

Prep Information Session:

There will be an information session for 2009 Prep parents held at the Highlands Primary School on Tuesday August 26th from 5 -6pm. Parents are welcome to bring their children as there will be school age children there to play with and get to know. Please contact the school on 57969208 if you are attending.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 24

Firstly, thank you to all the people who have brought in their toilet rolls, we now have enough for the arboretum.

Secondly, have you noticed any knitting graffiti in the district? I spotted this one after quite a strong hint.



PROGRESS ON THE NEW ARBORETUM

Thanksto Scotty the new rabbit proof fence around the arboretum is on its last length.

Now we are waiting for it to dry out enough for Andrew Shaw to put in a fire access track and walking paths.

Peg Lade and Sam Strong have developed a planting list and design and Sam will propagate these plants ready for planting next autumn.

Foot Care and the Podiatrist

Many in our community suffer from foot problems of many types, ranging from diabetic foot problems to simple toenail and foot care. For many people, seeing a podiatrist enables them to get the foot care they require.

What is a podiatrist?

Podiatrists are health workers specializing in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the feet and lower limbs.

Public podiatry services are now available at Alexandra Community Health, provided by Morecroft's Podiatry Service under contract to Mitchell Community Health Services. Mark Robinson is the Podiatrist providing the service in Murrindindi Shire for those who are eligible for Home & Community Care (HACC) services.

For further information contact Mitchell Community Health on 5784 - 5555 Community Health at Yea Hospital - phone 57360400 and at Alexandra Hospital - phone 57720800

www.humehealth.com.au/alexandra.

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

Weekbeg11th	TeripTeripmowingroster JimandJillDavidsonJohnandLuCraven Carparkandall4courts
11-18thAugust	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRosterK.CoulsonJohnDalzielGaryWilsonJamesMatters
Sat16thAugust	Grade6Studentsinterestedinapplyingforaplaceinthe2009EnhancedYear7classneedtoreturnapplicationstoS.T.H.S.nolaterthanThursday14thAugust2008.APPLICATIONFORMSAREAVAILABLEFROMYOURPRIMARYSCHOOLORS.T.H.S.TheTestingdayforthisclasswillbeSaturday16thAugust
Sunday, August17	TheNextTeripeventofnotewillbeaclearingsaleatSweetlands, startingat 9am.ContactLuCraven on 57904011formoreinformation.
23rdAugust 2008	Highlands/CaveatJuniorFireBrigadeThenextrainingssessionwillbeheldat10amatthefireshed. If thereisanyyoungkidsintheareawishingtojoinorareinterestedinjoiningthejuniorfirebrigadeplease contactSharyn,PeterorAlistairASAP. AlljuniormembersweareorderingyourBrigadeuniformssoplease contactSharynShaw57904297withyourclothingsizes.
Sunday24th	HighlandsRamblerwillwalkintheCaveatara,ledbyAndrewShaw5790429710.30HighlandsHall
TuesdayAugust26th	TherewillbeaPrepinformationssessionatHPSat5pm. Parentsof2009Prepstudentsareallinvited.
Saturday30th August	RuffArtZSeasonofSaturdayspresents -GeneralStore -jazz,bluesswing &samba 8.00pm,RuffyHall. ContactGlenon57904318fortickets(\$26ea.)orinformation.
Saturday23rd	TheWhiteHartHotel,Longwood.Liveband,startingat7.30pm.... -PaulWookeywithDamienO'Neil
Tuesday26th August	Women'sFarmingdiscussiongroup.EuroaCommunityEducationCentre,BinneyStreet10am -2pmRSVP CherylGrahamPH57273931,0408393105,cherylgraham@farminganswers.com
Tuesday2nd September	Comewalkwithus -avoyageofdiscoveryofMerriCreek JointheWeedSocietyofVictoriaforaWeedBusterWeekactivityandexploreMelbourne'sMerriCreek. 10amMeetthemembersoftheMerriCreekManagementCommittee,MelbourneWater,HumeCityCouncil andDarebinCityCouncilwholookafterthislinearreserveandmanageitsweedproblems.MeetatMerri CreekManagementCommittee'sOfficeat2LeeStBrunswickEast.
Friday5thSep	HighlandsPrimarySchoolTalentNightHighlandsHall7.30pmMoreinformationcoming.
Saturday6th September	GlidersontheGoulburn7:00pmLocation/Meetingpoint: LionsPark/NewCrossingPlacePark,Seymour - taketheturninatheRoyalHotel,EmilyStreet) Meetattheboatramp. RSVP/Formoreinformation,pleasecontact:PeterMitchell,DPIBroadfordon57840622or0409432498
13thSeptember	WhiteheadsCreekLandcareAGM. Guestspeaker StevenRawlins whohasheldveryhighpositionsinthe DeptofAgricultureintheUS.Hewilltalkaboutthefutureoffoodproductioninatimeofheightenedcarbon dioxide..Sopleasecomealong,hearaveryinterestingsspeaker,andcatchupwithyourfriends.
SundaySept 28th	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSwillwalkfromnearMtBroughtontotheSwitzerlandRoad,wherewewillhave carstobringusbacktoHighlands.MeetattheHighlandsHallat10.30am.Leaders -PegLade(57969222) andAndrewShaw(57904297)

WHITEHEADS CREEK/ TARCOMBE RFB

HELPWANTEDURGENTLY.As LorrainehasresignedfromthepositionofSecretaryinfamilyandhealth groundswearinneedofsomeonetoreplaceher.

Werealizethatmanyofyouhave alreadytakenyourturnbutifthereis someonewhocouldatleastdosome ofthedutiesitwouldbeappreciated. Itshasbeensuggestedthattwomorecouldsharetheload.Ifyou can'tbea firefighter,perhaps thisis onewaythatyoucouldsupportthe Brigade.Ifanyoneisinterestedring PeterWales -5792-1088orNeville Ford-0413-805847.

HIARTS NEW COMMITTEE

HiArtshelditsAnnualmeetingon7th Augustandelectede the following CommitteefortheneXTyear:
President: StuartReid,Secretary: SamStrong,Treasurer:SuePeterson
Committee:MargaretMcAlpin, Rick McAlpin, JudyReid.
MarciaTelfordhasresignedassecretary.HiArtswillgreatlymissher contributionnotonlyassecretarybutin manyotherareasof ourwork. She broughttohertaskgreatinitiativeand attentiontodetailandwasnotonly a sourceofgoodideas,butwasa steadyinfluencewhenwegotoffon thewrongtrack. Wethank you MarciaandwishyouandArthurthe verybestinyournewventure.

CRANBOURNE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS BUS TRIP

SUNDAY12THOCTOBER200820 PLACESAVAILABLE,DON'TMISS OUT.ThenewdateistoavoidclashingwiththeSeymourShow.Thereare 12placesleftonthebus.

RingMirandaPH57969261oremail miranda@activ8.net.autosecureyour place.Therewillbeaguidedtour, startingat11amatthegardensso we'llbeleavingfromtheHighlands Hallat9am. Thisisthebesttimeoftheyearto visitthese fabulousgardens.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

PURPLE CORALPEA (or False Sarsparilla) - Hardenbergia violaceae, is usually a climber, with stem twisting round other plants. It flowers in winter and spring, and has violet pea flowers, but pink and white forms are also found. It is a popular and hardy garden plant, and can be propagated easily from scarified seed or cuttings. In the garden it responds well to pruning, and flowers best in full sun.



VICTORIA PREPARES FOR LOCUST THREAT

The Brumby Government has encouraged all Victorians to be on alert as the state prepares for a serious locust outbreak, Agriculture Minister Joe Helsen said today.

Mr Helsen said Victoria's crops and pastures could be under threat with the possibility that plague locust eggs will be hatching during spring in Northern Victoria.

Egg-bearing locusts have been recorded throughout an area of approximately 1.24 million hectares (ha) in Northern Victoria, particularly in the irrigation region north of Shepparton during this year's autumn.

"Experts will be on hand to provide landholders with advice on how to deal with the threat of locusts including how and when to spray, what types of chemical to use and safe techniques.

"All Victorians are encouraged to be vigilant in reporting any sightings of locusts to the DPI so we can monitor locust populations and movement and the Department can provide advice on how to control them."

Did you know that rabbits are increasing Global Warming?

According to a recent study in North West Victoria rabbit browsing on native seedlings has resulted in the failure of woodland store generation naturally. The study found that the continual destruction of Pine - Buloke woodland seedlings by rabbits is instrumental in preventing carbon sequestration (collecting or trapping carbon from the atmosphere) across hundreds of thousands of hectares of land in North West Victoria.

Rabbit numbers need to be extremely low - less than one rabbit per hectare for successful regeneration.

The cost of rabbit control is estimated to be as little as \$30 - 50 per hectare including on-going maintenance.

Thomas Austin introduced rabbits to Australia in 1859 for hunting purposes. With no natural predators and litters of five or more kittens up to seven times a year, rabbits quickly became a problem across Australia.

As rabbit numbers reached the hundreds of millions, vegetation was stripped of leaves and bark, killing plants and leaving the soil vulnerable to erosion.

Farmers and scientists have employed many control methods over time, including ripping and fumigating warrens, trapping, shooting, baiting and introducing biological control agents such as myxomatosis and calicivirus. Effective rabbit control requires the integrated use of all these techniques.

For information on our 50% subsidy on ripping hours and Phostoxin tablets, ring Miranda PH 57969261

LOCUSTS continued

"Locusts are easiest to control during their early stages as hoppers when they are unable to fly. Once they become adults, control measures become much more difficult and expensive," Dr Tom Kinssaid.

Adult locusts have been known to fly up to 700 kilometres overnight and can bedrive south by northerly winds.

To report locust activity contact the Locust Reporting Line on 1300135559. Further locust information is available on the DPI website www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts or from the Customer Service Centre on 136186.

Renovations to the Highlands Community Hall 2007-2008

Thanks to the funding bodies, the Commonwealth Government Regional Development Program, and the Victorian Government Small Town Development Fund with support from the Murrindindi Shire Council, the Highlands Community Hall Committee, financial donations from local community members, countless hours of work including many volunteer hours of hard physical labour, the Highlands Community Hall now has:

A completely new kitchen
A floor under the stage with access doors for storage
Folding boxes to increase the size of the stage when needed
A movie screen and block out blinds
Digital projector, DVD player and sound system
Painting of walls & ceilings, improved lighting, floors sanded and polished, several folding tables, split level deck with shade sails, and a beautiful outdoor mural by Leone Gabrielle and the pupils of Highlands Primary School, portable gas barbecue, fixed outdoor tables and seating, news surface on our multipurpose outdoor area for tennis, basketball and netball, Beach Volleyball court and equipment, Shed/cupboard for sporting equipment, Outdoor chess, New pressure pump, Fire pump for emergencies, Large fixed gas bottle, Instant gas hot water service, Two new poly water tanks and the existing concrete tank repaired, New toilets, dual flush cisterns and replacement of sewerage pipes, New indigenous native plants along the Highlands Road boundary,

Well over 500 hours of volunteer work were put into the renovations by at least 28 local people, as well as the time given to the mural by the sixteen pupils of the Highlands Primary School. This all adds up to at least \$30,000 worth of time. Well done everyone!

The hall committee wants the improved hall and its facilities to be well used by the community. Bookings contact Sue Peterson on 57976395

FOR SALE

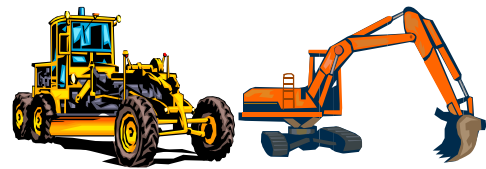
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