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PEOPLE AND PLACES

JUDY REID, of Highlands, met her husband Stuart, when she was 17, and for 46 years, they have had a wonderful partnership. Judy had to leave school (MacRobertson Girls' High) early, when her father died. After living in America for 2 years, and raising a family of 3, when the youngest started school, Judy returned to full time study for Bachelor of Education. Judy and Stuart started a series of family camps through the Uniting Church, at Mt Martha, this led to establishing Marriage Enrichment Courses with the aim of improving relationships, and was followed by an Ecumenical involvement in "Action for World Development" and Human Relations Training. These had to be given up when Judy started studying and working full-time.

With children as teenagers, Judy and Stuart camped with them around Australia for 4 months of Stuart's long-service leave from his career with the Uniting Church. For 15 years, Judy taught at Box Hill TAFE, and was in charge of the Centre for Women's Education. Classes were designed to encourage women to return to study after having their families. After a great struggle, Judy managed to get 2 Child Centres at the College.

In 1984, they bought 300 acres of bush at Highlands, sharing the purchase with friends. It took 5 years to organize basics such as water supply, and a road in, and another 5 years of weekends to build their mud-brick, eco-friendly, sustainable-living house, although they were both working full-time. Judy was determined to have the house finished before becoming involved in the Highlands community.

The first organization was a very successful "Purple Sage" group, with discussions on how to rebuild our community. A wonderful working bee was held, to which almost everyone turned up. The Highlands corner was cleaned up, signs erected, then the hall committee (Judy as President for the next 9 years) got funding plus #30,000 of volunteer hours (countless hours from Judy). The result is a wonderful building and equipment.

Judy also became President of the Community house, Yea and wrote the submission for the successful Community Shed.

Judy's determination and sheer hard work is tireless and the district would not be the same without her!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 32

Please send all articles to miranda@activ8.net.au.

I am printing on a Sunday now so articles need to be in before then and remember it is 'first in goes in' and I'm often full earlier in the week.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week

Kendall Richards, for fluent and expressive reading. Terrific effort Kendall!!

Student Awards

Senior Room
Spelling: Jarrad, Kassie, Laura, Imogen and Kelly
Tables: Jarrad, Laura, Jack and Michael
Junior Room
Reading spelling words: Kaylam, James and Rick
Spelling tests: Lachie and John
Tables: Lachie and John
Congratulations: Many congratulations to Di and Brian who have become proud grandparents to baby Helena Margaret born last week.

New Preps

: Today the 5 new 2009 preps spent the morning at Highlands PS. Tobias, Alex, Daniel, Jessica and Stohm had a terrific morning rotating through building, drawing and technology activities. Thankyou to all the Highlands students who were excellent role models for the new students.

Little Athletics: Murrindindi Little Athletics 2008/09 Track and Field season will commence on Saturday 25th October. Registration Friday 17th October from 3.30-5.30pm at Alexandra Primary School. Jenny Corser 57722554.

C.A.E READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Restless by William Boyd
The topic of trust, in families and in the community is central to this novel. Also examined was the topic of how fiction can fuse into historical myth, for example, with the reporting of war versus propaganda.

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

This novel won the 2008 Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Aravind Adiga, a dual Indian-Australian citizen, now resides in Mumbai, his father still lives in Sydney, he moved to Australia when he was 15.

The White Tiger presents a raw and unromanticised India, both thrilling and shocking, from the desperate, almost lawless villages along the Ganges, to the booming Wild South of Bangalore and its technology and outsourcing centres.

The Lieutenant by Kate Grenville
Daniel Rooke, soldier and astronomer, was always an outsider. As a young lieutenant of marines he arrives in NSW on the First Fleet in 1788 and sees his chance. He sets up his observatory away from the main camp, and begins the scientific work that he hopes will make him famous. Inspired by the notebooks of William Dawes, The Lieutenant is a compelling story about friendship and self-discovery by a writer at the peak of her powers.

An afternoon in the gardens at Habbies Howe

Sunday 30th November, meeting at 9.00 am at Highlands CFA shed.
An afternoon in the gardens at Habbies Howe, for a picnic, wine and music. 1.00pm onwards Music from the very talented Gus Brooks BYO or Lunch and local wine available to buy. Raffle run by Junior CFA members
Everyone welcome.

EverGraze Field Day

Monday December 1st EverGraze Field Day - Creightons Creek Supporting Site 9am-2:30 pm Barrie Noye's paddock, Creightons Creek Rd, (just south of the Longwood-Mansfield Rd on the East side of the road). Introduction to EverGraze and your opportunity to get involved in this local supporting site. Tools for implementing a rotational grazing system, summer management of native pastures. RSVP to Rhiannon Apted RhiannonA@iinet.net.au 57 354 351

Community What's On Calendar—October/November/December

Week beg 27th October	Terip Terip mowing roster Merv Penny Bruce and Denise McLennan Car park and all 4 courts
26 Oct - 1st Nov 2008	Whiteheads Creek/ Tarcombe RFB Truck Roster Gary Wilson Neville Ford John Wood Mick Leatham
Thursday 30th October	Secret Men's Business BBQ at The Grotto, Caveat Church from 5.30pm, held every last Thursday of the month. All welcome. Working bee at Church 2pm fencing, painting, picture framing, a job for everyone
Saturday November 1st	10 am-12 pm at Rocky Passes [1590 Highlands Rd]. The Black Market is resuming with the low kilometre food exchange. Come to buy, share, swap or sell home produce ... or just come for a chat. This month, at 11 am, Leone Gabrielle will be running a voice workshop for those who would like to experiment with sound ... and we might also have a guest cook. Watch this space. Any enquiries, please call 57969366.
Saturday 1st November	Christine McCarty. Coming back for a special night at White Hart with many new songs added to her list. Little bit of the old and a little bit of the new. Artists covered: rickie lee jones, jason mraz, missy higgins, jewel, beatles and the list goes on.... Entry is Free and special price taxis available -Bookings via the White Hart are essential.
Tuesday 4th November	Cup Day Chicken and Champagne Lunch at Terip Terip Recreation Reserve at 12.30pm \$15 a head Please bring salad or dessert (and own glass and drinks) Prizes for best hat Raffles, cup sweep And the "Inaugural Terip Cup"!! RSVP Tuesday 28th October Frances Lawrence - 0432 32 4929 Lu Craven - 57 904 011. lu@terip.com
Thursday 6th November 2008	The Lions Club Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit invites you to our ANNUAL OAKS DAY LUNCHEON at Seymour Race Club on commencing at 11 a.m. Admission \$22 per person, Drinks available at the Bar NO B.Y.O. Door prizes, raffles, mystery prizes, prizes for Best Dressed, Best Hat Best Shoes. Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery, Shop 1, The Mall, Seymour.
Friday November 7	Ruffy Store's regular First Friday dinner - a Summer BBQ/Buffer. Please call or email to book for dinner. And the bar open as usual so come as you are.
7, 8, & 9 November 2008	RUFFY ART SHOW AND SALE Ruffy Hall, 'meet the artists' preview & fundraiser 7 pm Friday tickets: \$12 bookings: 5790 4318 Open 10 – 5 Saturday 10 – 5 Sunday .Proceeds to the Ruffy community hall project, presented by Ruffartz, sponsored by Strathbogie Shire. ENTRIES INVITED NOW For entry forms or info: ph: Glen: 5790 4318 Sharron: 5790 4329 or email: parrindi@mcmedia.com.au Entries close: Friday, 24 October 2008
Saturday 15 November	Mitchell at the Crossroads, A forum on re-building nature for our farms, our district and our future Guest speaker: Dr Andrew Bennett, Deakin University Tallarook Hall 9:30 for 10:00am start Contact DPI Broadford, 5784 0600 or broadford.fielddays@dpi.vic.gov.au
Friday 14th November	'Drinks on the Deck' at 6.30pm at the Highlands Hall. Bring a plate and share a meal, catch up with friends and meet new ones.
Saturday 15th November	Trust for Nature and the Mount Pleasant Reserve Committee of Management invite you to the opening of the Mount Pleasant reserve. Come along and enjoy guided walks with Joan Semmens, Trust for Nature and the Field Naturalist Club, a Free lunch and magnificent views! 11:00am Please RSVP 13th November for catering purposes Joan Semmens 57721542,
Saturday 22nd November	RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays presents - Bric a Brac - dance, nostalgia & romance 8.00 pm, Ruffy Hall. Contact Glen on 5790 4318 for tickets (\$26 ea.) or information.
Saturday 23rd November	Finn, a NSW band travelling down especially for this weekend to play some funk, rhythm and blues. Entry is \$10 and special price taxis available Bookings via the White Hart are essential.
Friday 28th November	HPS invites the community and especially Scotty to join in a cricket match at school starting at 2pm. Please let Meagan know if you can come so we can draw up teams beforehand PH 57969208
Sunday 30th November	Annual CFA Recognisant trip around Highlands meeting at 9.00 am at Highlands CFA shed. An afternoon in the gardens at Habbies Howe, for a picnic, wine and music. 1.00pm onwards Music from the very talented Gus Brooks BYO or Lunch and local wine available to buy. Raffle run by Junior CFA members Everyone very welcome.
Sunday 30th November	The White hart Hotel is hosting a special Charity BBQ in aid of the Longwood CFA. There'll be bbq lamb chops and spit-roast legs (kindly donated by our local farmers), accompanied by salads and sweets. With a glass of wine from Maygars Hill or Longwood Wines included it's sure to be a fantastic afternoon. Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds going to Longwood CFA.

Classifieds & Community Notices

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

IBIS. In this area, we have Straw-necked and White IBIS, the former has iridescent black upper parts and white underbelly and tail. The White ibis is all white. The 2 species often breed together in huge colonies over water, and on trees and trampled vegetation. One such colony is up-stream of Trawool, on the Goulburn River. After breeding, large flocks disperse, and we see them feeding on grasshoppers, cockchafers etc in our paddocks.



MOBILE PHONES

Greg Philpot has sent in this information about mobile phones.

Emergency
The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Thanks Greg.

From Community Healthbecause I care

Anyone, anytime could become a carer. What is a carer? How does caring affect people; the carers, their families, their communities?

"...because I care" was chosen as the theme for Carers Week 2008 - October 19 - 25 - to explore the impact of caring on individuals and society. This campaign features five real carers who have agreed to share just one of the ways that caring affects them.

We are still together. We have been married for over 30 years and most of that time I have been his carer. The trust he places in me to do the things he cannot do for himself brings a special connection and closeness to our relationship. Lois

I don't finish at five. I want my family to have the best quality of life that I can give them. Having a job is important to me, but juggling paid work with caring can be hard. I'm on call 24/7 and I do get tired, but I'm proud to be a carer. Tania

I make a difference. I've been looking after my mum since I was 11. If I didn't look after her she would be in a nursing home. Being cared for at home gives my mum a better quality of life and it enriches my life having her around. Aaron

Support for carers in Murrindindi is available from a range of organisations. (www.carersweek.com.au) Community Health at Yea Hospital - phone 5736 0400 and at Alexandra Hospital - phone 5772 0800

MISSING

If you borrowed a stainless steel stock pot from the Highlands Community Hall please return it asap or phone Sue Peterson 5797 6395 or Judy Reid 5796 9358 & they will arrange to pick it up from your home.

Seed Collection

With the main seed collection period approaching, the Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank is seeking any landholders with knowledge of good collection populations. Some species we are especially interested in are:

Lightwood Acacia implexa (priority), Dillwynias, Davesias, Eutaxias, Pultaneas, Kennedia prostrata, Hardenbergia violacea. Thanks for any help. Jim Begley, Best Practice Revegetation Officer, DPI, 57611574 (office)

CHANGES TO RIPPING SUBSIDIES FROM THE HCCC

If you have already had work done that was approved you need to send you claim to :

HCCC

2848 Highlands Road

Highlands 3660

by the 1st December. **No payments will be made for past work after this date.**

If you have ripping work to be done contact Miranda Yorston and she will arrange a time to visit you to inspect the property and work out the hours required. Your request will be put on a list, in order of the time of the request and you will be contacted when more funding is available.

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SUMMER DRENCHES

A Summer drench for cattle has the biggest impact on reducing your worm and lice burdens next Autumn/Winter.

A Summer drench cleans out the inhibited stages of ostertagia before they cause the massive damage when resuming development usually following Autumn rains. Interestingly, a Summer drench also drastically reduces next season's lice numbers by killing off the small breeding population of lice over Summer.

To achieve good results it is important that all cattle including cows, calves, bulls etc. should be drenched with an effective Pour-on drench during Summer eg. January.

Cattle Drench Specials at Wales Rural Traders

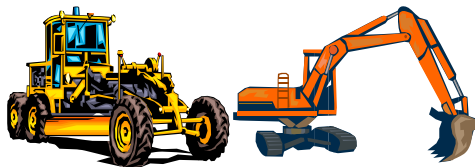
Cydectin 10lt Pour-On (200x500kg doses). Very limited special offer on short-dated product. Only \$875+gst (normally \$940+gst) plus bonus two burner portable gas BBQ.

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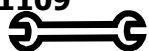
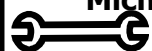


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