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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Elly Fisher, her 2 children, Imogen and Walter Geffert, live in Blue Top Road, Highlands, with Elly's mother, Jenny Fisher. Elly is Chairperson of the Highlands Primary School Council, Imogen is in Grade 5, and is school captain, while Walter is in grade 3.

Elly was brought up in the Yarra Valley, and went to Don Valley Primary School, then Bilanook College. After school, she travelled, first to Hong Kong and England, where she worked sorting potatoes on her uncle's farm. That was tough work, especially when you couldn't start until 11am as the ground was frozen solid. Next was a job at Bingo Hall, then more travel, to Israel and other places.

Back in Australia, Elly started as a mental retardation nurse in Melbourne, then worked for Outreach in Seymour. Imogen was born in Canberra, her father was in the Army, and from New Guinea, and Walter was born in Seymour. Imogen started school – with a struggle – at Seymour East. That didn't work, but Elly heard about Highlands, and that has been a huge success for both children.

Elly now works full-time in Seymour, at Goulburn Options, which caters for adults with disabilities from age 18 to 75 years. Her mother Jenny, works there for 2 days a week with Elly as her boss.

Elly has 3 horses, -a Clydesdale which she bought through the internet, and which she rides, a miniature Shetland Cross and a 14.2 horse for Imogen, as she is growing out of the Shetland.

Elly has a good relationship with the children's father and sometimes drives into NSW so that he can have them for a week or so, and when he can get leave from the Army.

Elly is a young woman with heaps of initiative, ability and an interesting life, which she loves, also a very supportive and loved mother.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

READING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Super Readers!
50 nights! Jessica
100 nights! James, Alex

Zone Cross Country:

Congratulations to Imogen, Kassie and Laura who have all qualified for the Zone Cross in Yea on Thursday 4th June.

Thankyou:

Many thanks to Leone Gabrielle who has contacted the log truck company and asked them not to travel on the bus route during bus hours. I am grateful to Leone for following up this matter.

Melbourne Excursion:

The excursion to Melbourne was a huge success. Students thoroughly enjoyed eating in China Town and their visit to the Immigration Museum. Thankyou to Maree and Emily Gilbert, Leone Gabrielle, Greg Philpot, Di and Bruce Heath (Lachie's Grandad) for accompanying us.



Our excursion to Melbourne was fantastic. We certainly recommend Post Mao Cafe in Little Bourke Street. There was also lots to learn at the Immigration Museum. By Imogen



WELCOME TO ISSUE16

Please send all articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au

There will be no Granite News next week as it is the Queen's birthday, hope that sounds like a convincing reason!

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Loud Shirt Day was a huge success with lots of very colourful shirts!



For Sale:

Two pedestal fans that are no longer needed by the school.
Make a donation.

Community What's On Calendar—June/July 2009

Fortnight beg 25th May-8th June	Terip Terip mowing roster Car park and all 4 courts	Jim and Jill Davidson	John and Lu Craven
31 May - 6 Jun 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Barry Roworth Darren Brock Tim Hayes Michel Becks		
Monday 1st June	Ruffy, Terip Terip, Creightons Creek and Longwood East Neighbourhood Watch meeting to be held at 8 pm at the Creightons Creek Hall.		
Wednesday 3rd June	Terip Terip RFB Biennial General Meeting 7.30 pm at Terip Terip Rec Reserve All welcome - Bernie McMahon Secretary-Treasurer 57904352		
Thursday 4th June	Ruffy Community Action Group - 1st meeting of this newly constituted Group, Ruffy Hall, starting at 8.00 pm.		
Thursday 4th June	HCCC meeting Terip Terip Recreational Hall 7.30pm All welcome. Come and hear what's happening to Landcare at the moment, it's not all great news as there is no guarantee of ongoing funding for a lot of the programmes that assist our community cope with weeds and rabbits and in the past has assisted us to plant cheaper, indigenous trees, and fence off areas for revegetation etc		
Saturday 6th June	Black Market: 10:00-12:00 at Rocky Passes [1590 Highlands Rd]. It's a very casual, local food exchange. This month's guest cook is Jocelyn Bennet and Paul MacGregor, cooking a lovely curry ... just the thing for the cooler months! All welcome. Any questions, call 57969366.		
Sunday 7th June	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 4.00pm - Jimmy Davidson (a Longwood FC legend from the 70's singing old time rock)		
7 Jun - 13 Jun 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Peter Wales Candi Westney Mark Stokes S Ford		
10th June, Benalla; 11th June, Long- wood	Soils Alive – . Free workshops on understanding organic matter, soil biology and the benefits of dung beetles. Lunch and notes provided. To book in contact Charlie Sexton on 57 611 560 or email kirsty.youman@dpi.vic.gov.au		
Friday 12th June	Drinks on the deck at the Highlands Hall, all welcome to come and share a meal and catch up with friends or meet new people. Gold coin donation for the hall. 6.30pm onwards		
14 Jun - 20 Jun 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Richard Waugh Geoff Bond Ned Jeffery Shaun Clarke		
Sunday 14th June	Melbourne composer and classical guitarist David Adams will be giving a recital in the Highlands. David will be playing works by Tarrega, Sor, Carcassi, Bach, Navaez, Adams and Primrose. Venue: Dennis Spiteri's Studio/Gallery, 'Hillcrest' RMB 6020 Old Highlands Rd. Everyone welcome. Time: 2pm. Entry by donation. No booking is necessary, but to give us some idea of numbers to expect, could people that are interested in coming please contact Dennis or Margaret on 57969373 or email: denisspiteri@activ8.net.au		
20th June	White Hart Hotel T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 7.30pm - Ruckus (one for the diary - these guys and girl will be performing foot stompin' country rock - listen to them at www.ruckus.net.au)		
21 Jun - 27 Jun 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER John Wood Glen Christensen Ashley Waite Rob Wales		
25th June	Secret Men's Business at the Caveat Church on the last Thursday of every month. Come along at 5.30pm and enjoy a snag and a chat by the fire. Everyone is welcome.		
28th June	Highlands Ramblers walk Call Andrew on 57 904297 if you need more details Highlands Hall 10.30am		

Classifieds & Community Notices

HELP NEEDED

We are running a fundraiser for the CFA and HPS providing a meal for some older Murrindindi residents that are out on day trips around our lovely Highlands area. I would like any helpers or any food that can be supplied to help lower our costs. Soups, roasts, vegies or casseroles and cakes, scones or any type of desserts would be greatly accepted, dates for meals are June 1, 4, 9, 18, 22 and 25. We are cooking for 8-18 people, depending on the week. If any persons can spare some time or food please contact Sharyn Shaw 57904297.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes will continue until the end of June, they are suitable for beginners and those with more experience.

Tuesday 6pm Yea.

Wednesday 6pm Highlands Hall.

Yoga and Meditation Day on Sunday 14th June 9.45am to 3pm, at Abundance Wellness and Beauty in Yea.

Bookings: Shakti (Sally Lade) 5796 9222 or

shakti.mudra@gmail.com

WALES RURAL UPDATE

The Highlands Pasture Demonstration Site at Dropmore is now into its third year. Despite some tough conditions a number of plots are proving of great interest. In most of the perennial mixes the cocksfoot has established best with one variety appearing to be a standout. Also hanging on well, and the subject of much discussion, is the plantain.

Most of the perennial plots have been retained to check the persistence of those varieties that did establish. Last week we sowed over thirty new varieties into plots on the site. Stay tuned for information about open days on the site.

While we were at the site we checked for insect pressure and discovered groups of Red Legged Earth Mites (RLEM) actively feeding. The RLEM eggs will have hatched following favorable conditions in early May. RLEM feed on legumes, clovers, medics, lucerne, ryegrass and young cereal crops. They are most damaging to newly establishing pastures but also reduce the productivity of established plants and the palatability of pastures to livestock. Vigilant monitoring and early control will greatly enhance seedling survival and pasture development.

Want to make sustainable changes in your home or workplace and don't know where to start?

An exciting new green living project has commenced in Strathbogie and Mitchell Shires, and Puckapunyal Military Area - The Sustainable Communities Program. The workshop based project is an exciting opportunity for everyone to take practical action and to reduce your ecological footprint to create a more positive future.

By introducing simple changes to your homes and workplaces, you will reap the benefits by saving money on electricity and water bills, reduce the amount of resources you use and feel positive about your actions.

At the workshops low-cost, sustainable and practical advice will be offered - from installing water saving devices, home composting, worm farming and sustainable gardening, installation of rainwater tanks, solar panels and even draught proofing doors. Many local residents are starting to build, retrofit and renovate their homes to be more sustainable. Be inspired by what your neighbours are doing by joining the Sustainable Homes Tours.

Based on the successful Sustainable Homes Program, this three year project is one of the first to be offered outside metropolitan Melbourne. Funding is through the Victorian State Government's Sustainability Fund under the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord.

Workshops

Practical workshops will be held over the next three years. The workshops are commencing August 2009 and will be complemented by free Sustainability Kits, self audits and surveys to help measure the changes you have adopted.

For further information: Cathy Koning Sustainable Communities Coordinator- Phone 5734 6357 or email cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

WORK WANTED

I am looking for full time or part time work in the district. I am experienced at tractor work, fencing, sheep and cattle work and general jobs around the farm. I can provide references if required. I am ready to start immediately and keen to do my best. Please ring 57904256 at any time. Ben Hogan

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Masked Lapwing (formerly called Spur winged plover)

There are fewer of these around in the last few years - probably because they are ground nesting and dwelling birds and I'm afraid foxes take their share. The parents can be very fierce and protective when defending their nests and young, swooping at possible enemies, but foxes are very determined. As children, we used to shelter ourselves with umbrellas, while we searched for nests. These are just shallow scrapes in open ground, and very hard to find, unless you see the parent bird actually leave. The young birds can run fast, almost as soon as they hatch, so they are very vulnerable to predators. At the Yea High School many years ago, a nest was fenced off on the oval, until the birds had all gone away.



RUFFY COMMUNITY PLAN

The recently formed Ruffy Community Action Group will have its inaugural meeting on Thursday 4th June, 8.00 pm at the Ruffy Hall. The meeting will discuss the following five initiatives/projects which had found the highest support at the recent public meeting: Develop Tablelands Community Centre as an activities centre Upgrade Recreation Reserve to include provision for dressage events, tennis courts Provide access to public toilets in the community Promote Ruffy and district by developing a brochure, new resident's kit and website Develop and support events for the Ruffy community (e.g. movie nights, singing, dancing, community BBQ)

The meeting will be open to members of the Ruffy community. For further information please contact the President of the Action Group, Erwin Weinmann, Tel. 5790 4309, email alpli@bigpond.com.

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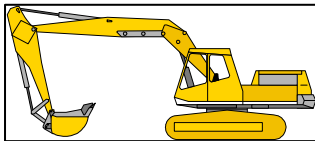
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