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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**WILLIAM CLARKE WEBB.**  
10/6/1919-- 28/5/2009

In loving memory of a wonderful, gentle, unassuming man. Our very precious husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa.

Bill Webb was born 10/6/1919, in Bairnsdale. He grew up in the area going to school there before going on to Melbourne Grammar. He left school at 17 and spent 3 years at "Bindi Station" as a jackeroo. He arrived at "Habbies Howe" in September 1939 and has spent just on seventy years in the Highlands area. Bill joined the Army in early 1941, he was away for 4 ½ years. He went to Palestine and from there to New Guinea. In September 1943, thirty one men from the 2/4th Field regiment volunteered to drop by parachute, into enemy held territory, after one practice jump. They dropped their dissembled 25 pounder guns which had to be reassembled when they landed, they carried no weapons themselves. He received a Commander in Chief's Card in recognition for his gallant action in parachute jumping without previous training at Nazab in the Lae operations on September 5th 1943 from General Blamey. In May 1990 Bill was presented with the United States Parachute Wings, and Combat Jump Star, by the Americans. He and his group were the only Australian Paratroopers to jump into action during WW2. When he returned to "Habbies Howe" the place was overrun with rabbits, and he and a jackeroo spent day in and day out camped in a tent, with a pack of 35 dogs, ferrets, and cyanide flakes, which was a continuous job, they only returned to the homestead for crutching and shearing. In April 1946 he became a partner in "Habbies Howe". In July 1949 he married, post war times were hard, but being of stout stock they managed. He had three daughters and one son. Judith, Jennifer, Richard and Jane, who all had their early years at Highlands. Eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, who he was very proud of. Bill and Libby have been lucky to have lived such a happy, long and full life together, no doubt in most part to living in such an ideal spot in the best country in the world, doing what they enjoyed most, farming and caring for animals, trying to leave "Kobyboyn" a better place than it was in 1949. He was for 60 years a member of the Highlands Fire Brigade.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



### STUDENT of the WEEK

Zac Deglaitis: For helping to get sports equipment organised for Winter Sports. Thankyou Zac.

### HAPPY HOME LEARNING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following:  
Seniors: Zac, Kassie & Lachie  
Juniors: Kendall

### BER FUNDING

We have just discovered we will be the lucky recipients of a new building! The new building is what they call a Mod 5 which is 19 metres x 9 metres and contains two classrooms and an office space.

Last week a team of architects and school councillors meet to decide on the best space for the new building. They will remove the senior classroom and relocate the sports shed, placing the new building in that space.

In the meantime a temporary classroom will be placed in the grounds for the seniors to work in until the new classroom is all connected up and ready to go. Hopefully the works will start in term 3 and be completed quickly. These are exciting times for Highlands PS!

### WINTER SPORT

On Thursday students travelled to a foggy Yea to participate in the Winter Sport Round Robin. Thanks to Miranda and Jenny Fisher for providing transport. I managed to get down to watch some of the students in action. It was lovely to hear positive comments from staff members at each sport about the good manners and skills of students from HPS.

## WELCOME TO ISSUE19

Please send all articles to [miranda@omnipotent.com.au](mailto:miranda@omnipotent.com.au)

### Seasonal Changes

Deep Winter  
Cold and wet - bring it on.  
Fungi are at their peak, frogs are calling, Mayflies, midges and swift moths emerging.  
Herons and Plovers flocking.  
Thanks Bridgett Clarke for that.

### Council Rate Waiver for Bushfire Victims

Murrindindi Shire Council will waive five months of rate charges for rate-payers directly impacted by the Black Saturday bushfires.

The decision, ratified at Council's meeting on 27 May 2009, sees a reduction, on a pro rata basis, for five months of rates, garbage and recycling charges covering 7 February to 30 June 2009.

Those benefiting from the decision include ratepayers whose primary residence or business was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable as a direct consequence of the Black Saturday bushfires.

Ratepayers who meet the new criteria, set by the Department of Treasury and Finance, and who have not yet paid their rates will be sent a revised notice whilst those who have already paid will be given a refund.

Properties affected by the fires but not meeting the criteria are also subject to a supplementary valuation. A revised rate notice based on the amended property valuation will be issued.

### FOXSTOP

For further information on the State Government's FoxStop program visit the website [www.fga.net.au](http://www.fga.net.au) or [www.ssaavic.com.au](http://www.ssaavic.com.au)

### WALES RURAL UPDATE

We are in the middle of the very short once-a-year window of opportunity to attack Onion Grass. Those planning to use metsulfuron need to remember to apply at bulb exhaustion usually late June/July before the onset of browning off caused by fungus. In some places this browning off has already commenced and next year's bulb has already been set. Act now if you have an Onion Grass problem.

Community What's On Calendar—June/July 2009	
Fortnight beg 21st June	Terip Terip mowing roster Tim and Cindy Hayes Ian and Cynthia Crawford Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
21 Jun - 27	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCUMBE 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
28 Jun -4 Jul 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCUMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Scott James Roger Broome Wes Jeffery Richard Robinson
30th June	Highlands playgroup. Contact Marisa on 5796 9360 for details.
Friday 3July.	Threatened Bird Network Workshop Surveying for Threatened Birds - Ecology, ID & Survey Techniques The TBN is running a free workshop -presentations on threatened birds projects and as well as a field component in surveying and species identification techniques. Participant numbers are limited so if you wish to attend please register your interest asap. Further detail and information on how to attend, please open the following link: <a href="http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/threatened-bird-network.html">http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/threatened-bird-network.html</a> Contact: Janelle Thomas 03 9347 0757 .0425 712 908 j.thomas@birdsaustralia.com.au
Sunday 5th July	Tallarook Farmers' Market First Sunday of every month 9am-1pm Tallarook Mechanics Institute Main Road, Tallarook. For more information contact Louise Morris Ph: 57924125 or Libby Webster 0407522597
Friday 10th July	'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall from 6.30pm. Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. Gold coin donation to cover power.
12th July	Strath Creek Planting Day - FIRE RECOVERY 10.30am start Janet Hubbard 5780 1489
14th July	Highlands playgroup. Contact Marisa on 5796 9360 for details.
SATURDAY 18th JULY, 2009	TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY DINNER At The Rec Reserve 6 pm for sherries and nibbles 7pm dinner- MEAT SUPPLIED BYO drinks & glass And a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to share \$18 per person - \$6 for school children DRESS THEME - FUR and FEATHERS Prizes for best and most outrageous outfits RSVP please, by 11th July Frances Lawrence - 0427 904 262 Lu Craven - 57 904 011
30th July	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. Maybe not Chloe until her ears look better.
2nd August	Grey-crowned Babbler Tree Planting Join the Friends of the Grey-crowned Babbler for a day's tree planting in the Nagambie district to help link crucial parts of the habitat of this threatened bird. Enjoy the provided lunch and learn about the current status of this threatened bird across Victoria. For more information, please contact Doug Robinson 0408 512 441 dougr@tfn.org.au



THE NEW SCULPTURE WALL AT THE EUROA ARBORETUM

## Classifieds & Community Notices

### AGISTMENT WANTED

Agistment is needed for some ponies over the winter months. Please call Nicole on 57969113

### UPPER GOULBURN FOOD AND WINE TRAIL

To support the Upper Goulburn Wine-growers Wine & Food Expo that 's being held in October 2009, the Upper Goulburn Food Wine and Culture Group have put together a wine and food trail.

The purpose of this trail is to support business directly and indirectly affected by the devastation of the Black Saturday bushfires.

We are urging locals and visitors to come and support our fire affected region by participating in the Upper Goulburn wine and food trail.

We are asking people to visit one or more of our local producers, obtain a trail passport and have this stamped at any 3 venues, after purchasing wine, a meal, or produce.

Bring this passport to the Upper Goulburn Wine & Food Expo and be entitled to a reduced fee entry and a chance to win accommodation, dinner packages and much more!

The region's wine & food expo will be held on Sunday 18 October at the Black Spur Inn, Narbethong from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Currently the passports can be downloaded from both the [www.uppergoulburnwine.org.au](http://www.uppergoulburnwine.org.au) and [www.uge.asn.au](http://www.uge.asn.au) websites, and from Sundays Age 31 May and a locally printed version will be available shortly from participating businesses and visitor information centres. Offer starts 1 June and ends 18 October 2009.

If you wish to participate in the food and wine expo as a stall holder please contact Upper Goulburn wine & food event co-ordinator Susan Kinloch 5777 3447

Taste our passion, savour our true cool climate wines and trout - discover the magic!! [www.uge.asn.au](http://www.uge.asn.au)

### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

I have a lovely wooden cot & a high-chair (free to good home).

Would you place an ad for them in the next GN for me please.

I can be contacted on 57969396.Karli

### BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Paterson's curse (Echium plantagineum) - also known as Salvation Jane - is widespread throughout many parts of Victoria. It's a curse to most grazing animals.

Paterson's curse contains a number of alkaloids, at least one of which acts on the livers of animals causing loss of condition and eventual death in some cases. Pigs and horses are most affected by continued exposure to Paterson's curse. Their stomachs cannot fully process the plant material, resulting in chronic liver damage. Sheep, goats and cattle are affected but to a lesser extent.

Paterson's curse also causes hay fever and skin irritation for some humans.

Landcare provides a 50% subsidy on Agritrine, the chemical used to spray Paterson's Curse. Ring Miranda Yorston 57969261 or email her for more information.

The whole community of Highlands works really hard to control this weed but it needs everyone's total co-operation to be successful. If you see it on the side of the road, stop and pull it up and put it in a sealed bag to stop seeds spreading. Help us stay green, not purple.



### MEN'S HEALTH

Five men die every hour in Australia from potentially preventable illness. It's time for Australian men to get out of their comfort zone and start thinking about their health. Even when feeling healthy, a simple yearly visit to a GP can often save a man's lifestyle and maybe his life. Men can live longer if they keep in touch with their health.

Many Australian men find it hard to front up to personal and potentially life-threatening health issues. Small changes to a man's lifestyle can avoid many potential health risks and early death. Early detection is the key to surviving illnesses and knowledge of family health history is important.

Good mental health is as important as good physical health. Aussie blokes are renowned for their 'no worries' attitude yet the rate of suicide in Australia is 4 times higher for men than for women. The most common mental illnesses are depression and anxiety disorders. Everyone experiences stress and sadness from time to time, but when these feelings become so overwhelming that they interfere with daily life, professional help is needed.

It's up to men to talk openly to each other. Men can help each other by sharing their health experiences.

As a start, men can take five preventative steps:

Share your family history with your GP.

Know your healthy weight.

Check your blood pressure.

Stop smoking.

Maintain a healthy mind and a healthy body.

Men's Health Week 2009 provides an opportunity to increase awareness of important health issues. It celebrates the contribution men make to family, work and the community, but reminds us that men don't need to 'tough it out' or 'go it alone', and they shouldn't.

For more information, phone 1300 300 817.

(Information from [www.menshealthweek.com.au](http://www.menshealthweek.com.au))  
Community Health at Yea Hospital – phone 5736 0400 and at Alexandra Hospital – phone 5772 0800

"Your Health and Well-Being" articles are available on [www.humehealth.com.au/alexandra](http://www.humehealth.com.au/alexandra) and [www.yeahospital.org.au](http://www.yeahospital.org.au).

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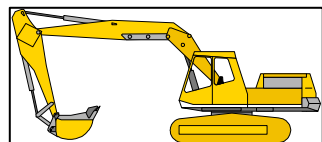
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