



THE GRANITE NEWS

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WHITEHEADS CREEK • TERIP TERIP • CAVEAT • RUFFY • HIGHLANDS • HUGHES CREEK

PEOPLE AND PLACES

BUSINESS RECOVERY INFORMATION SESSIONS PROVIDE HELPING HAND

Murrindindi Shire Council in conjunction with the Rural Financial Counselling Service recently conducted a series of business recovery information sessions throughout the shire.

Key messages included:

Financial Advice

The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free financial advice call 5735 4342

Legal Matters

Contact Victoria Legal Aid to find out about all your rights. For any matter relating to the bushfires including insurance matters. Their free legal help line is 1800 113 432

Insurance

The Insurance Council of Australia can give advice on the most effective dispute resolution procedure. They also provided details on how to insure for the future. 1300 728 228

Accounting

CPA Australia can help with getting financial accounts back in order together with how to wind up an existing business and understanding what financial options are available. 1300 737 373

Small Business Mentoring Services

The Small Business Mentoring Service is a free service available for everyone affected by the February Bushfires. They can help with applying for grants and can assist with marketing, sales and websites 9879 4476

Centrelink

Welfare support services and a gateway to other government agencies. Many affected by the fires may be unaware of their entitlements and it's worthwhile visiting one of the Centrelink hubs set up for bushfire affected residents to discuss your individual situation. Call 1800 050 004

Taxation

The ATO are being very lenient with BAS and tax returns for those affected by the fires. The ATO can help get your tax affairs back in order Call 1300 304 975

Murrindindi Shire Council can assist in sorting through many complex issues. Call the Council's Economic Development Department on 5772 0318

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Walter Geffert: For a great week's work! Well done Walter.

HAPPY HOME LEARNING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following:

Seniors: Zac & Jarrad

Juniors: James

READING AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Super Readers! 75 nights! Jessica, Tobias & Lachie 125 nights! Daniel

THANKYOU

Another term over and what a busy one it has been! Thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members for their support and assistance this term. We are so lucky at Highlands to have such a supportive group of people who enrich our school. Thank you to all parents for your input. You support your children's learning at home, assist with transport, help fundraise, attend meetings, do the cleaning (which allows us to pay Peter's wage), cook with students, paint and garden. This is a huge effort and we are very grateful. This term we have had an enormous contribution by community members. Mavis, Judy, Karli and Corrie have all come in to listen to reading. Betty has come each Tuesday to take tennis lessons, Verena has taught the students basket weaving and Sally has taken exercises with the students. It is terrific to have visitors to our school and we are very grateful for the skills they have shared with us.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 20

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

There will be no The Granite News for the next two weeks.

MEMORY STICKS AT HPS

The seniors have all received a memory stick to assist them with their school work. They will be useful for students to complete work on projects etc at home, save and bring to school, also for sharing information from computer to computer when our wireless network is down. We have discussed the conditions of use for these memory sticks. They are to be used for school work and not for downloading games.

BER & NSP FUNDING

Major works will begin over the school holidays. The outdoor area will be refurbished, outdoor seating relocated, windows will be fixed and preparation for the new building will start. This could be disruptive for several months



Thursday afternoon Rotating Activities.



Lorin Nicholson concert

Community What's On Calendar—June/July/August 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
28 Jun -4 Jul 2009	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE 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: http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/threatened-bird-network.html 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
5 July - 11 July	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Russell Chapman Mick Leatham Debbie Cerda Mauro Del Frate
Thursday 9th July	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Meeting Ruffy Hall 7.30pm All welcome
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.
12July -18 July	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Michael Laker S Clarke Scott James Manuel Pace
July 12th- August 2nd	CUTTINGS - An exhibition of art photography by Jeff Moorfoot at Rocky Passes Estate [1590 Highlands Rd, Whiteheads Creek. PH 57969366]. Opening Saturday July 11th 2-7pm, then Saturdays and Sundays [or by appointment] from July 12th to August 2nd.
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
19 July -25 July	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Glenn Watson Darren Brock Barry Roworth John Dalziel
Sat 25th July	You are invited to attend: Goulburn Options Inc. Christmas in July 2009 Fundraiser for the Tri-State Games Where: Senior Citizens Hall Anzac Ave Seymour Cost:\$25.00 (inc 2 Course Meal & Entertainment by Lee & Lemmon duo) Time:6.00pm meal served at 6.30 R.S.V.P 20th July 57923192 'Get in Quick Tickets are Limited' Games, Trivia and Raffles on the night to help support the Go-Getters to make it to Stawell this year Beer & Wine available on the night no BYO
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. Chloe can come now her ears are 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

Classifieds & Community Notices

AGISTMENT WANTED

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

Cuttings

An exhibition of art photography

By Jeff Moorfoot

Rocky Passes Estate

1590 Highlands Rd

Whiteheads Creek

57969366

OPENING

July 11th 2-7pm

[RSVP by July 3rd to
info@rockypasses.com]

Then open Saturdays and Sundays
10am - 5pm

or by appointment

July 12th to August 2nd

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Jeff Moorfoot describes himself as a ... burned out advertising photographer with a bunch of letters after his name.

He is the founder of the 'free radicals', co organiser of the 'Homeless Gallery / Galeria Bezdomna' in Australia, Vice President of the Victorian Division of the AIPP, and Festival Director of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale [formerly the Daylesford Foto Biennale].

A progressive traditionalist dedicated to making pictures 'about' things instead 'of' things, he likes to take an opposing point of view on most matters.

His work is rich, textural and sensuous.

www.jeffmoorfoot.com.au
www.bythelightofthemoon.com.au

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Squirrel Glider

The Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) has been listed as a threatened taxon under Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

In Victoria, Squirrel Gliders occur in River Red Gum forests, and mixed species dry forests and woodlands. Both of these general habitat types typically contain many mature, hollow bearing trees and a substantial understorey of Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) or Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*). On mixed species sites Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*), or sometimes Lightwood (*Acacia implexa*) may also occur.

Squirrel Gliders feed on insects such as beetles and caterpillars, and supplement their diet with plant products including honeydew, acacia gum, eucalypt pollen, nectar and sap.

Threats to the Squirrel Glider include habitat loss and habitat fragmentation, habitat changes associated with timber and firewood harvesting, the effects of grazing on natural regeneration, predation by foxes and cats and collisions with barbed wire fences.



Photo © Keith Ward

ADVERTISING IN THE GRANITE NEWS

Just a reminder that there is no charge for personal or community notices in The Granite News. It is open to everyone in the area and is amazingly successful so feel free to send them in.

HAVE YOUR SAY WATERWAY SURVEY

Have your say on local waterways, as part of the Victorian River Health Social Benchmarking project.

The project will become world-first research looking at the social importance of waterways.

It includes the My Victorian Waterway Survey, open to all adults in the State during June and July 2009. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and it is anonymous.

Victoria University and Queensland University of Technology (QUT) are running the survey and analysing the results, which will be used to inform Victorian waterway management.

At least 6000 completed surveys are needed to provide robust data. Stakeholders, such as riparian landholders, will receive surveys in the mail or they can complete it online. Phone surveys will also be used to ensure a good cross-section of Victoria is covered.

The project is being co-ordinated by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Melbourne Water and catchment management authorities.

Email link to survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8htPGNpcptuWPK6MPx6e2xU3X4DuLm5p%2fFwaUWZUy4Y%3d&> More information can be found on <http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/environment/waterway-survey>

CAVEAT CHURCH

We have been successful in gaining a grant for a toilet block at the Caveat Church from the Murrindindi Shire. Cheers Rick McAlpin

HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT CFA

Jeffrey Swain (VFBV delegate) now holds a supply of CFA forms specifically for reporting an injury to a volunteer.

Contact Jeff (03.5796.9353) if you need a form; alternatively, collect a copy from the supply placed at HCRFB station or visit Region 12 HQ and report any injury direct.

PATERSON'S CURSE

Don't let it get away on us, act now. A 50% subsidy for the chemical Agtrine is available through Landcare. Ring Miranda 57969261 to arrange this.

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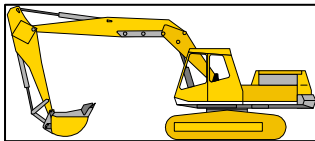
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