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PEOPLE AND PLACES

HIGHLANDS HISTORY No 2

This is another excerpt from "Highlands 1882 – 1982", compiled by Helen McCall

In 1885, William Lade, Andrew Shaw's great grandfather and Steve McAlpin's grandfather, wrote to his brother in Strath Creek –

I was out kangarooing all the morning, and caught 4 – one old man and 3 flyers. Harry (Doug Lade's grandfather) has made a couple of gates for the stockyard and is now splitting slabs out of a big messmate tree. I suppose you could give a fellow a job milking cows down there. We could do with a cow up here very well. Jack and Murdock (Yorston) were over on Sunday in the wet. Jack says its deuced hard work ringing round some of these here trees.

I was over my selection hunting yesterday. I see I have got plenty of rocks and ferns, as well as some pretty fair grassland, We are out of flour and potatoes, and altogether it is rather a doleful outlook for us.

Harry had a note from Keys, soliciting his vote and interest, so the influential chaps, Harry Lade, and Jack and Murdock (Yorston) are going into Seymour to vote.

Willie and Alick Chisholm were over on Saturday evening. There was a party of us going to see the Koboyboyn Falls on Sunday, but owing to the rain we had to stop at home.

The crop is just peeping, I suppose we will soon be advertising for binders etc. I have got a piece of ground dug at the back of the house for potatoes. Mr Evans is going to get some Early Vermonts for us and some for himself.

When are you coming up? When you do come, mind and fetch plenty of kangaroo dogs with you I think we will brush the line of fencing to close in my place There will be about 30 chains of fencing to close in about 200 acres, but we won't start till I get the licence (William Lade was not old enough at the time to legally claim his land)

In the early days, life was simple. It was hard work to fence and clear the properties. There was very little social life, neighbours visiting each other by foot and horseback. It took 2 days to go to Seymour and back in a spring cart.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



JUNIOR ATHLETICS FUN DAY

What a fantastic day we had! The students from P-2 from all Cluster schools thoroughly enjoyed participating in the track and field events.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't so kind to us and the relays had to be abandoned because we couldn't see the other end of the track!

Thanks to the Seniors from Highlands PS who showed amazing organisation and patience in setting up and running the activities. It was great to see so many supportive parents here to cheer on the competitors.

The feedback we received about our school grounds, our students' manners and our students' enthusiasm was all very positive. Well done Meagan for terrific planning.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 23

Please send all articles and community and personal notices to miranda@omnipotent.com.au

I am changing the cut off and printing days again to try and free up my weekends a little more. I will print on Fridays whenever possible and articles etc need to be in by 9am Friday morning to catch the press. Thanks to the wonderful folders Mavis Cook, Pauline Roberts, Candi Westney Jan Hayes, Jo Trantor and Karli Chase

Thanks to Virginia Dowzer who let me know she is reading TGN on her iPhone in NYC and George Embelton who rang especially to say how much he enjoys receiving TGN all over the world, very exciting to hear positive feedback, thank you.

Is there anyone in Whiteheads Creek, Ruffy and Terip who would like to contribute some articles on the history of their area so that we don't focus too much on Highlands?

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

The July Ramble seemed to have become lost in the fog. By the end of August, days will be longer and hopefully, I will be better organised. Apologies for any inconvenience and I hope we get a good gathering on the 30th August. Meet as usual at the Highlands Hall at 10.30 a.m.

From Peg Lade

HAPPY TRAVELLING

Today HPS farewelled Kendall who is going on an extended holiday with her family. We hope they have a terrific time and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

Prep Transition Dates

Monday 12th October 9-11AM
Monday 26th October 9-11.45am
Monday 16th November 9-1pm
Tuesday 8th December
Statewide Transition Day 9-3.15pm

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Emillie Stafford who received the Aussie of the Month for July for always lending a hand and doing her work well.

Community What's On Calendar—August/September 2009

Fortnight beg 3rd August	Terip Terip mowing roster Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts	Tim and Frances Lawrence	Bruce and Denise McLennan
2nd Aug - 8thAug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER B Bortalazzo Rob Wales John Wood Ralph Provan		
Tuesday 4th August	The Melting Pot forum will be held at the Salvation Army Hall, Victoria Street Seymour on at 2.00PM Speaker for the U3A Melting Pot Series in August will be Barry Croke, former Principal of Dookie College, and full time farmer, who has gained a reputation for forward thinking and thought provoking ideas. He understands the importance of water in our food chain. He will speak on the numerous issues such as factors influencing on-farm water use efficiency, then factors impacting on water harvesting and water delivery. Policies on how we allocate water and determine where water is used will create interest. Barry will offer insights into the future of food production , given hotter and drier conditions we now see as the norm.		
Thursday 6th August	DIRECT SEEDING NATIVE VEGETATION Ray and Shirley would like to share a success story of revegetation by direct seeding. Come along and learn more about the whole direct seeding process and listen to guest speakers Jim Begley (DPI), Janet Hagen (contractor) and Liz Evan (Indigenous Seedbank), ...and join us for Devonshire Tea. 10AM—11:30AM WHERE: RAY MALCOLM & SHIRLEY GOODMAN 295 KILFEERA ROAD, BENALLA RSVP: Phone: 57622879 (Ray or Shirley) Phone: 57611663 (Helen) E-mail: helen.repacholi@dpi.vic.gov.au		
Thursday 6th August	Ruffy Community Action Plan - Meeting of community group representatives to discuss draft of Community Action Plan at Ruffy Hall 7.30 pm.		
Thursday 6th August	Highlands Arts Experience (HiArts) AGM The HiArts Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Highlands Hall. Annual reports and election of office bearers will take place. All welcome especially our Life members. Why not become a Friend of HiArts and participate in its work. Contact 5796 9358		
Friday 7th August	'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. Please note August date change.		
Saturday 8th August	Free Singing Workshop facilitated by Kavisha Mazzella Ruffy Hall 3 - 5pm Afternoon tea provided. Kavisha is renowned for her work with the Italian Women's Choir and this is a rare opportunity to participate in one of her fantastic workshops in rural Victoria. The workshop is free and funded through the Regional Arts Fund with assistance from Regional Arts Victoria. It is hoped that this will inspire regular community singing events in the Ruffy Hall. Bookings essential Contact Glen 5790 4318		
Saturday 8th August	RuffArtZ presents the Kavisha Mazzella Trio 8 pm BYO drinks and nibbles. Bookings contact Glen 5790 4318		
9th - 15th Aug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER David Freeman Anthony Wallis Neville Ford Michel Becks		
Friday 14th & Saturday 15th August	The Mad Hatters present THE EXHIBITION A light hearted look at the art world "Trust me darling!" Highlands Hall 7.30pm Tickets \$8.00 adult/\$5.00 child/ \$20.00 family For bookings contact Pauline 57969301 BYO Drinks & nibbles Tables available light refreshments provided		
16th - 22nd Aug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Ashley Waite Geoff Bond Peter Wales Richard Robinson		
23rd - 29th Aug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Chris Head Lindsay Heffer Tim Hayes Glenn Christensen		
Thursday 27th August	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.		
Saturday 29th August	"Welcome Strangers" 8 pm BYO drinks and nibbles. "Four consummate musicians present a show featuring tenderly collected versions of all but lost authentic traditional rural Australian fiddle tunes. Also some precious songs sung in sweet harmonies that permeated our culture via early immigration and some that were written right here on Aussie soil." Bookings with Glen 5790 4318.		
Sunday 30th August	Highlands Ramblers Highlands Hall 10.30 am Ring Peg 57969222 for more details		
Saturday 12th September	OLD TIME DANCE at the Ruffy Hall at 8 PM Music supplied by the popular CD Admittance \$7.50 Please bring a plate of goodies to share Enquiries: Ph. 57 90 4318		
Thursday 24th September	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.		

Classifieds & Community Notices

RUFFY STORE NEWS

Winter 2009 All frosty and welcome mid year mists.

Season Midwinters day passes with rain and mists enough to carry the crops and fill the troughs. Spreaders and feeders trundle along the roads, dogs bark and smoke curls up from the chimneys. Brave Ducatisti arrive at the store and head straight for the open fires.

All bodes well from here to spring.

New. Ruffy Produce tomato relish. dindi milk soaps for "skin salvation and planet protection", Chiili Dukkah and also Carob Syrup from Longwood Nuttery and ridge grove green olives and baharat spice mix plus our regular good local produce. Sample our famous Ruffy Produce pickles, chutney and jam at the store..

In Vino Veritas Strathbogie Ranges and Upper Goulburn Regions: Dawson & Wills sparkles, Allira Chardonnay, Antcliff's Chase Reisling, Allira Sauvignon Blanc, Baddaginnie Run Verdelho, Jameaux Pinot Noir, Maygar's Hill Shiraz, Longwood Old Vineyard Reserve Shiraz.

Charge your glass with Strathbogie Ranges and Upper Goulburn wines by the glass or bottle from the bar or at the table. Select a mixed dozen as you like.

Epicormia -an exhibition of paintings by Marian ...just as nature regenerates after a bushfire affected communities are also renewing themselves ...this exhibition is part of the process: www.marianrennie.com.au
Exhibition current until 30 August.

Local Event A word about walking in Ruffy - Sunday Short Walks show up 10am in front of the Ruffy Hall for a stroll, a gander and a yarn.
Always Newspapers and fresh bread every weekend. Milkwood bread every 3rd Saturday.

OPEN FRIDAY LUNCH FROM 11.30AM
SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
8AM TO 5 ish over winter. Bar and table service. It's a good idea to book.

WANTED

A knowledgeable horse person is required to feed and check horses daily, from Sept 4th to Sept 9th in Highlands
Please contact Debbie on 57969343 for details.

WHAT'S the DIFFERENCE BETWEEN a SUGAR GLIDER and a SQUIRREL GLIDER?

The Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) is very similar in appearance to the more common Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*), and to the untrained eye it is difficult to tell the difference between the two.

The endangered Squirrel Glider is larger than the Sugar Glider, and its tail is extremely bushy in comparison. The Squirrel Gliders head and body length is 180-230mm, with a bushy tail measuring 220-300 mm. The head and body length of the Sugar Glider is 160-210mm and it's tails measures 170-210mm in length. The Squirrel Glider also has a more pointed face that is slightly narrower, and longer ears. This would only be apparent if you were to see the two species together.

The diet of both species of gliders in very similar, consisting of gum produced by Acacias, certain eucalypts, invertebrates, and invertebrate exudates. Both species build a leaf-lined nest in tree hollows.

Quarterly Newsletter of the Goldfields Conservation Management Network



Sugar Glider

Photo © McCann Collection DPI/DSE



Squirrel Glider
Photo Keith Ward

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

CUCKOOS

Cuckoos eat caterpillars and need small insect-eating birds to hatch the cuckoo's eggs. Small birds take refuge in dense bush thickets. When this is cleared, small birds become rare. So soon - no cuckoos! Native trees and farm pastures alike suffer from more lerp, beetles and larvae.

The cuckoos I have seen around here are the Pallid and Fan-tailed as well as the much smaller Bronze Cuckoos. Pallid Cuckoos are also known as the "Brain Fever Birds", as their call is the well known upward scale, whereas the Fantail's call is descending. As Spring gets nearer, listen for these calls. The photo below is a Pallid Cuckoo



Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

Drier conditions favoured in SA, Victoria and NSW

For south eastern Australia, the outlook for total rainfall between August and October shows a moderate shift in the odds favouring drier conditions over eastern SA, western NSW, western Victoria and northern Tasmania. The remainder of southeast Australia shows no strong shift favouring either wetter or drier conditions. The pattern of seasonal rainfall odds across southeast Australia is a result of recent warm conditions in the Indian Ocean and warming in the Pacific, with the Pacific influence being dominant. An El Niño event looks to be developing across the Pacific - a situation which often results in drier than average conditions across the Murray-Darling Basin, southern Victoria, eastern Tasmania and eastern SA. Probability outlooks should not be used as if they were categorical forecasts.

Rocky
Passes



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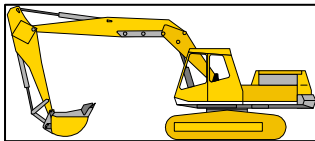
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