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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### HIGHLANDS HISTORY NO 4

In the early 1970s, a sharp decline in farm incomes resulted in the rise of cottage industries, mostly run by women of the district. In Feb 1972, a meeting was held in the Habbies Howe shearers' quarters, and was attended by over 50 people.

The Highlands Spinning Club was formed, and later meetings were held in private homes, e.g. that of Margaret Pompe, then Norma Shaw, and is still carried on by Anne Kopanica in Benalla - now more as a social club.

In the early days the products were sold at an informal craft shop at Habbies Howe.

Home spinning gave incentive to some to breed flocks of black and coloured sheep to supply the growing market - an enterprise particularly suited to small scale operations. Bill Pompe - a skillful carpenter made many spinning wheels.

Peg Lade started her own business - "Glentannar Homecrafts" making mostly sheep skin jackets, with a number of local women as part time helpers. These products were sold all over the world. Janet McAlpin, helped by her son Steve, made moccasins and sheep skin boots.

In other districts, all sorts businesses flourished - eg in the Mansfield district, a well known family started a restaurant and craft shop "The Witches Brew".

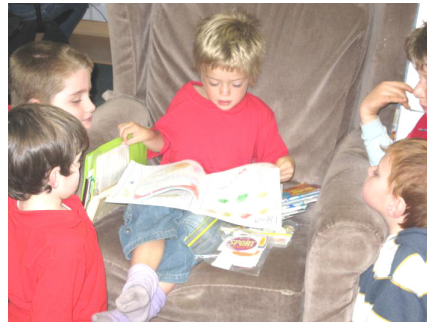
I believe there is a renewal of interest in spinning, who knows where that will lead? Of course nowadays it is so easy to travel to local towns and some jobs are available on line in your own home.

The main sporting interests in the district - notably tennis and cricket, have largely disappeared. (Scotty may dispute this statement Peg!!)

Cricket was first played in the early 1900s and tennis matches are a thing of the past, at Highlands anyway. Courts at Terip Terip are used regularly, but once again, it is easy to travel to local towns to join competitions.

By Peg Lade

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



### STUDENT of the WEEK

Stohm Gabrielle: For enthusiastically sharing his holiday stories. Welcome back Stohm!

### BOITE CHOIR

Last Thursday's performance at Dallas Brooks Hall was truly amazing! Imogen, Laura, Zac, Lachie and Jessica (and their parents) made a huge commitment to be involved with this event but seeing their proud, confident and beaming faces on stage at Dallas Brooks Hall with over 300 other students, in front of a huge audience, made it all worthwhile.

This was the first time students from Highlands have been involved and the people at Boite were so helpful and made it such a successful experience. We are very grateful to Deb Smith from Recovery Through Music who has raised money to pay for our students registrations and to Yea and Alex Rotary who covered the \$4400 for bus travel to Richmond and Dallas Brooks. We are very excited about next year and hopefully lots of other students from HPS will join us!!

### CHILDREN AS AUTHORS

Highlands PS had terrific success in this book publishing competition organised by Libby from the MARC van. All students at HPS entered a book and the results are as follows:

Best Grade winners: Saving Bubbles by Imogen Geffert and Kassie Shaw

Best Factual text: Winner: South Africa by Walter Geffert and Honours to Great Britain by John Bennett.

Best P/1/2 Storyline: Honours to The Herd by Emillie Stafford and Pindy by Kendall Richards

Most Original 4/5/6: Honours to The Close Escape by Laura Bennett and Face Book by Laura Bennett.

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 26

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

I print on Fridays whenever possible and articles etc need to be in by 9am Friday morning to catch the press.

There will be no The Granite News next week as I hope to be skiing, if it hasn't all melted in these warm days.

## MESSAGE FROM THE WHITE HART HOTEL, LONGWOOD

Don't forget Fathers Day this year, come along to the White Hart for a free beer or wine for dad and live music in the bar from Real Gone Blues. It's a great opportunity to get out with the family and enjoy some great food and music in front of the log fires.

Our chef Phillip Whitten is going gun-hoe in the kitchen, beef cheeks, slow braised lamb and home-made gnocchi are walking out of the door so get in quick to try these great winter dishes before the start of spring. As a tempter, why not come along for Saturday and Sunday lunch during August and September and take advantage of our 2 for 1 meal offer.

Cheers Carl & Nadiene  
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## GOULBURN OPTIONS DISABILITY SERVICES

are having an OPEN DAY on SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 260 DELATITE ROAD SEYMOUR from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with CAR BOOT SALES AT \$10 PER SITE, B.B.Q. & DEVONSHIRE TEA, BOOMERANG THROWING & SALES. FOR ENQUIRIES RING DEBBIE ON 57923192. COME ALONG AND FIND OUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

## HIGHLANDS MOWING ROSTER

The 10 people have volunteered to mow at Highlands:

John Sporry  
Trevor and Sue Peterson  
Miranda and Jono  
The Curry's Mat Smith  
Stuart and Judy Reid.

Many thanks we shall organise the roster and have a training day in early September. From Scott McKay

## Community What's On Calendar—August/September 2009

Fortnight beg 17th August	Terip Terip mowing roster Merv Penny Max & Joan Eddy Car park and all 4 courts
23rd-29th Aug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Chris Head Lindsay Heffer Tim Hayes Glenn Christensen
Monday 24th	LATE NOTICE AS I LEFT IT OUT BY MISTAKE LAST WEEK, APOLOGIES ALL INVOLVED. Terip Terip Tennis Club Annual Meeting 8pm - at the Helen McKenzies home All welcome
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.
Thursday 27th August	Highlands-Caveat Brigade - extraordinary meeting to be held at the Highlands Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. to discuss additional infrastructure for the brigade and to protect community assets.
Friday 28th August	Property Rehabilitation Workshop, Flowerdale Hall, 6 – 9pm. A DPI workshop to discuss weeds, water supply and land management issues after fire, and opportunities for financial assistance. Aerial photos of your property will be provided. Light meal available. RSVP essential – contact Peter Mitchell on 57 840 622 or 0409 432 498, email peter.mitchell@dpi.vic.gov.au
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
30 Aug -5 Sep	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Geoff Halpin James Matters Rod Chisholm Roger Broome
Sunday 6th	Tallarook Farmers Market is on again on form 9-1pm. Be there or be square!!
Sunday 6th September	White Hart Hotel Longwood [white.hart@bigpond.com] 2.00pm - Real Gone Blues - a relaxing blues session for Fathers Day T: 03-5798-5203 E: <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a>
Thursday 10th	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative meeting 7.30pm Ruffy Hall
Friday 11th September	'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.
Saturday 12th September	<b>OLD TIME DANCE</b> 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
13th-19th Sep	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Richard Waugh Gary Richards Wes Jeffery Ned Jeffery
Sunday 20th September.	White Hart Hotel Longwood [In the Dining Room, we're looking forward to our second food & wine event of the year called <b>Three</b> . Each course of the three courses will feature three different foods on the plate, with each course matched to three outstanding local wines from Antcliff's Chase, Delatite and Maygars Hill. Wine tasting and discussions with the three winemakers will follow after the lunch. Price is \$55 per person including wines and bookings are essential so call early to avoid disappointment: 03-5798-5203
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.
Friday 25th September	Broken Boosey Biodiversity Celebration Day 2009 Come along and learn about some of the threatened fauna conservation and habitat restoration projects that have been happening in and around the Boosey Creek in the Tungamah area. A range of interesting presentations will take place in the morning session and participants will then go for a walk to see some of the habitat works that have occurred along the Boosey Creek in Tungamah in the afternoon. COME ALONG FOR A FREE ROAST LUNCH! Please RSVP by Wednesday 16th September to Jim Castles 58 201 141, 0427 053 700 or email jimc@gbcm.vic.gov.au Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm Location: Tungamah Football Club Rooms
Saturday 26th September	AFL Grand Final and the Ruffy Store's 7th Birthday. Celebrate with the Grand Final on the bigish screen and be our guest for a birthday BBQ after the footy.
Saturday 10th October	White Hart Hotel Longwood [white.hart@bigpond.com] 7.45pm - White Goat - the crazy Kiwis are back with more great country rock - listen at <a href="http://www.whitegoatband.com">www.whitegoatband.com</a> T: 03-5798-5203 E: <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## HOW GOOD IS YOUR HEARING?

One in six Australians suffers from some form of hearing loss. The theme for Hearing Awareness Week 2009 is "At Home, At Work, At Play - One in Six". Hearing Awareness Week aims to raise awareness of the dangers of over-exposure to loud noise, especially loud music.

Many people may have some form of hearing loss without even realising it. These questions can help you determine if you have a hearing loss problem. If you answer yes to one or more, you may want to consult your doctor.

1. Do others accuse you of turning the television too loud?
  2. Do others accuse you of not paying attention?
  3. Do you misunderstand 50% or 15 or 60% or 16?
  4. Can you hear better with one ear than the other on the phone?
  5. Have you stopped attending public events because of the straining to hear what is being said?
  6. Do you have trouble understanding someone speaking to you from another room?
  7. Do you have difficulty understanding speech when there is background noise?
  8. Do you miss the punch line of jokes?
  9. Do you seem to hear the words but not understand them?
  10. Do you have a history of ear infections, earaches or running ears?
- Are you concerned about your hearing, and how to protect your hearing? To book a free hearing check, contact: Australian Hearing Ph: 13 17 97.  
[www.hearing.com.au](http://www.hearing.com.au)

## YOGA CLASSES

Shakti (Sally Lade) will take Yoga classes again from the week starting on 24th August, 3 week blocks. The classes are suitable for beginners and more experienced students and include:-  
Gentle postures to loosen joints and increase flexibility and strength in muscles; Breathing techniques to energise and balance; and deep relaxation for removing stress and tensions. Please pass on to any one else who may be interested.  
Wednesdays (or Mondays) 6-7.30pm at Highlands Hall  
Tuesdays 6-7.30pm at Abundance Wellbeing & Beauty in Yea  
\$50 for 3 classes or \$20 casual  
[shakti.mudra@gmail.com](mailto:shakti.mudra@gmail.com)  
Sally 57969222

## NUGGETS FROM HERE AND THERE

The third show in the RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays 2009 is about to mosey into town. Four consummate musicians "Welcome Strangers" comprising Greg O'Leary, Greg Hildebrand, Peter Somerville and Ian Tritt will present a night that will conjure up what it was like in the early settler days in rural Australia and in particular rural Victoria.

Their regional tour will take them to thirteen towns in Victoria and the band has just recorded a CD which will be available at the performances on the tour. "Nuggets from Here and There" features tenderly collected songs and tunes from Australia and America drawn from the Bush and Hillbilly traditions of both countries.

American music had a great influence on Australian music from almost the beginning of white settlement. Various crazes had their heyday and then died, Minstrelly, Banjos, Hawaiian, Hillbilly amongst them.

Welcome Strangers have taken similar songs and themes from both continents and highlighted the deep connection.

Welcome Strangers will be performing live at Ruffy Hall on Saturday 29th August at 8pm doors open at 7.30pm, BYO drinks and nibbles.

Tickets are available from Glen on 57904318.

Welcome Strangers is part of the RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays 2009 and is proudly presented locally by RuffArtZ volunteers with assistance from Arts Victoria.

If you intend to attend this show please book your tickets in advance to avoid possible disappointment and to give the volunteers behind the scenes an idea of how to set up the room.

Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the show.



## RUFFY COMMUNITY PLAN

The meeting of the Ruffy Community Action Group on 6th August brought together 22 members of the local community. The Group accepted the draft of the Ruffy Community Action Plan prepared by Noelker Consulting, which provides the framework for ongoing development work by Focus Groups for individual projects.

Tablelands Community Centre and Public Toilets: Productive discussions with Strathbogie Shire Council representatives have confirmed that both the Council and the Department of Education are keen to make the Ruffy Primary School site available for use by the Ruffy community. The Council will renew its offer for purchase of the property, based on a new valuation.

Ruffy Recreation Reserve Upgrade: A proposal has been developed to upgrade the Recreation Reserve in several stages. The initial stages aim to improve the toilet facilities and the immediate area around the pavilion, as well as extending power and water supply to the existing Ruffy Adult Riders facilities. Later stages would develop an all-year riding arena suitable for holding a variety of equestrian events. The Group endorsed a proposal to submit an application for funding under Council's Community Plan process, due by 21st August. These proposals will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the Ruffy Recreation Reserve on Monday 31 August, 8 pm at the Reserve. Enquiries Bill Eddy (5790 4264) or Terry George (5790 4318).

Promote Ruffy and District: The Focus Group has started work on defining the desirable format and content of an Information Kit, as a first step towards the development of a website for the Ruffy community. Enquiries Neil Doran (0415 037 728).

Ruffy Community Events: The Focus Group has developed an interesting program of recreational and cultural events at the Ruffy Hall over the next few months, which will be advertised in the Granite News and through letter box drops. Enquiries Henry Noye (5790 4246).

Councillor Colleen Furlanetto reported the good news that Strathbogie Shire Council will be donating a table and seats for the Recreation Reserve, as well as a water tank for the Ruffy community, and the Group conveyed its thanks to the Council.

Erwin Weinmann (Tel. 5790 4309, email [alpli@bigpond.com](mailto:alpli@bigpond.com)).



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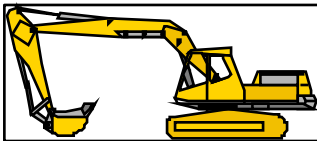
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