



PEOPLE AND PLACES

SANDRA RUMBLE of Gum Road, Caveat, has so far had an interesting and unusual life.

Her childhood was spent on 12 acres of land in what is now suburban Melbourne, but then was country. She did General Nursing at the Austin Hospital, then 2 years Post Graduate study. Next was 2 years nursing in New Guinea - this was often a real challenge as there were no doctors, and the nurses had to do procedures such as minor surgery. Sandra decided to come home to do Midwifery - at Box Hill - then back to New Guinea.

Once she climbed MT Wilhelm (26000 ft) with a group of friends - they had all done a lot of running and training. At one stage, Sandra got Dengue fever and was very sick. She was sent to the NG Highlands to recover.

Once she went to a village where the children had never seen a white person and they went screaming away.

And one time she and her colleagues did a blood transfusion on a very anaemic child - they could only get 20mls of blood into her.

Sandra's father died, and she came home for a while, then back to New Guinea.

Next was Community Health nursing training at Whittlesea, before marrying David and living for a while at Chelsea and having 3 children. David is a manufacturing jeweller, and at one time he worked on a Mercy Ship in SE Asian waters.

They came to Highlands so that the children could have some country life. Sandra worked 3 days in Melbourne then David would do his 3 days away.

They bought their land in Gum Rd in 2000 and established a re-locatable house. James had one year at Highlands Primary School, and is now in year 11 at Yea High School. Alex and Alison are both in year 9.

At home they have peacocks, chooks, geese, ducks, goats, dogs, cats and horses, and the whole family loves the life.

Now, Sandra works full time for the Murrindindi Shire Council, as Assessment Care Coordinator and Coordinator for Social Support.

By Peg Lade

**NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



STUDENT of the WEEK

Laura ; For enthusiastic and positive participation at the Athletics Sports. Great work Laura!

**HAPPY HOME LEARNING
AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following:
Seniors: Zac Juniors: James

**2010 PREP INFORMATION
SESSION**

An Information afternoon will be held on Tuesday 15th September from 4-5pm. If you know of any families with young children in the area could you please spread the word. We are taking enrolments NOW.

YEA HIGH SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL ENDEAVOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to past students Alex, Alison, Michael and Kellie who received Principal Endeavour Awards at a special ceremony in Yea this week. It is always terrific to hear of the success of students who attended Highlands PS.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thursday 17th September. Starts at 1pm for a sausage sizzle lunch. Come and help us celebrate the end of the footy season (or the finals, depending on what team you barrack for!) Students are encouraged to come dressed in their footy colours, there will be a BBQ lunch, a footy quiz and a game of footy for students and parents (capably umpired by Scotty).

WELCOME TO ISSUE 29

Please send all articles etc to Miranda@omnipotent.com.au There is no charge for advertisements and community notices.

The Granite News is funded by the advertisements on the back page, the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative and supported by a band of volunteers. Thank you to everyone for making this newsletter possible.

HELP NEEDED:

Could someone please tell C.Thatcher from Whiteheads Creek that the bulls have arrived at Highlands Primary School and are ready to pick up, thanks as we can't find a phone number to ring.

ADVERTISING IN TGN:

I have received a number of requests for advertising space on the back of The Granite News. I will be organising the back page for 2010 in mid November and it will be a simple system of first in gets the spot. I am not going to increase the number of advertisements or the cost of \$250 for the year and I don't plan to put ads in the body of the newsletter so it is set at 15 places. Please let me know if you have a better idea, thanks, Miranda

COMMUNITY WATER FORUM & LANDCARE CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the Broken Goulburn Implementation Committee Thursday 15th October 2009, 1pm - 8.30pm Benalla Performing Arts Centre 57 Samaria Rd, Benalla "What is Happening With Water"

1-5pm An informed discussion about the state of knowledge, current and future management of water in our catchment.

Join: David Downie (DSE), Geoff Earl (GBCMA), Graeme Hannon (GMW), Rick Evans (SKM) and Simon Cowan (GMW) in a discussion surrounding the management of both Surface and Ground Water.

"Landcare Celebration" 5-8.30pm Following the water forum join GB CMA Landcare members in a light evening celebrating all things Landcare: Launch of the 20 Year history of Landcare book by Carol Hamilton Barwick; Show casing group and network projects; and Launching the service to GB CMA Landcare roll. RSVP essential to Chris Burnett 5736 0100

Community What's On Calendar—September/October 2009

Week beg 14th September	Terip Terip mowing roster Alec and Marion Rowan Mark Ireland Car park and all 4 courts
SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER	GOULBURN OPTIONS DISABILITY SERVICES are having an OPEN DAY on 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.
Saturday, 19th September	Seymour Bushland Park in Bloom at 2pm In early August, the Seymour Bushland Park put on its best ever display of Nodding Greenhood Orchids, and from now on we can expect Sun Orchids, (Blue or salmon in colour) Golden Moth The park will host a Guided Nature Walk and picnic with respected field naturalists Dr Peter Mitchell and Barbara Moss, who will be on hand to answer all your questions. PH 57990693 or email Seymour Bushland Park at seymourbushlandpark@gmail.com for more
13th-19th Sep	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOCMBE 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 Three . 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
20th September	Highlands Ramblers. meet at Highlands Hall. at 10.30am for Andrew to take you walking to 2 granite gorges, not much water, but quite spectacular, then back to the Hall. Andrew's number is 57 904 297.
20 Sep - 26 Sep	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOCMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Mark Stokes Doug Halpin Glenn Watson Anthony Wallis
Tuesday 22nd September	Highlands playgroup. All welcome. BYO kids snack and drink. Morning tea for the adults supplied. Hope to see you there. Ph Marisa on: 5796 9360
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.
Thursday 24 September	"A Climate for Opportunity" Gecko CLaN invites Land Managers to a series of FREE climate change information sessions. Sessions will cover local issues relating to climate, weather patterns, agriculture, biodiversity, mental health and assist land managers to deal with climate change issues using new information and innovative technologies to make their own informed decisions on how to address these issues. SESSION 1— FACTS & FIGURES How predicted climate patterns will effect us in the Goulburn Broken PLUS good news stories! 9am—3pm DSE/DPI Office Lecture Theatre 89 Sydney Road, Benalla (Lunch provided) Guest Speakers: Graeme Pearman, Atmospheric Researcher & former CSIRO Director & Kevin Kelly, DPI Research agronomist working on greenhouse emissions from agriculture RSVP by 21st September (for catering purposes) Charlie Sexton Landcare Project Officer Ph: (03) 5761 1560 Email: landcare1@iinet.net.au
Saturday 26th September	AFL Grand Final and the Ruffy Store's 7th Birthday. Celebrate with the Grand Final on the biggish screen and be our guest for a birthday BBQ after the footy.
Sunday, 27th September	Earlston Woodland Wander 11am This will be a walk and talk led by Doug Robinson at the Trust for Nature's Earlston Woodland property located on the corner of Nalinga Dookie Rd and Paynters Rd, Earlston, 13km north of Violet Town. Entry via Paynters Rd about 1km from the corner. Doug will talk about the plants that are present and how the quality of the vegetation on the property has changed in the 4 years since Trust for Nature has owned it. For more information, please contact Shelagh Curmi on 0407 521 154 or shelaghc@tfn.org.au.
27th Sep- 3rd October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOCMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Scott James Michel Becks Ashley Waite Rob Wales
3rd October	Seymour Show, Kings Park Seymour, Exhibition centre, Natural resources road to recovery 9.00am to 4pm An interactive programme with displays, talks, and discussion Including: Mitchell Shire, DPI, DSE, Landcare, CMA, BEAM, Waterwatch, CFA, discuss, find help and information for the future.
Sunday 4th October	Three wildflower walks will be held in Mitchell Shire in Spring to see what has recovered and what has appeared after the fires. Fires cause destruction but they also trigger a renewal with many plants surviving or germinating from seeds buried in the ground. The walks will be an opportunity to discuss how we can help this renewal process. Wandong, 10-12am, 315 South Mountain Road, Heathcote Junction with guest speaker, ecologist Graeme Lorimer Clonbinane, Saturday 10th October 10-12 am, 695B Spur Road, Clonbinane, led by local naturalists. Reedy Creek and Strath Creek, Sunday 11th October 10-12, 360 Murchison Spur Road, Reedy Creek with guest speaker, ecologist Graeme Lorimer RSVP appreciated – contact Peter Mitchell on 5784 0622 or 0409 432 498

Classifieds & Community Notices

SENIORS CARDS

Any one 60 years or over, a permanent resident of Victoria and working less than 35 hours a week in paid employment is eligible for a Seniors Card.

Mr Hardman said the huge popularity of the Seniors Card program presented a great opportunity for business to reach the senior audience – including baby boomers who are about to retire.

“If you run a business, I encourage you to join the program as a business partner – joining is completely free,” Mr Hardman said.

To apply for a card, enquire about becoming a business partner, or access a copy of any of the Seniors Card directories contact the Office of Senior Victorians on 1300 797 210 or online at www.seniorscard.vic.gov.au

THE BLACK MARKET IS LEAVING HOME

The Black Market has come of age and is leaving home. Last weekend, a few of us discussed the Black Market evolving into a roving meeting. We were talking about things we have done in our gardens and decided it would be nice to see for ourselves ... so the Black Market will now include garden visits with the food exchange.

It will probably also move to the second Saturday of the month instead of the first, since four households are involved in the Tallarook Market on the first Sunday ... and Rocky Passes is having a Tapas night on the last Friday of the month (for starters anyway) ... it will spread things out a bit.

If you would like to join in and share some home grown produce, and perhaps host a Black Market visit, please contact Candi on 57969366 or email on canvic@activ8.net.au

SPRING INTO EVERGRAZE

“Right Plant, Right Place, Right Purpose” BUS TRIPS TO HOLBROOK “Exploring alternative fertiliser and grazing management options”

When Thursday 8th October 2009
Cost \$15 - includes lunch

Bus 1 will stop at Seymour Station 6:30am, Euroa Station 7:10am, Benalla DPI 7:50am, Glenrowan Roadhouse 8:20am and Springhurst Station 9am.

Return to Seymour between 7:30am and 8pm.

Exact pickup points will be advised upon RSVP. Further stops between or beyond these towns can be requested
What:

10:30am MLA Alternative Fertiliser Producer Demonstration Site, Holbrook. See and hear about the new fertiliser trial and its initial results at Ian Locke’s property south of Holbrook. The trial is demonstrating use of a wide variety of alternative fertiliser products for production and feed quality. Ian Locke will discuss his hill country management – integrating the needs of cattle at different times of the year with strategic grazing of the pastures.

Gourmet BBQ lunch supplied at Kanimbla Station by Holbrook CFA.
1pm – 4pm EverGraze Field Day – “Kanimbla Station” Holbrook.

EverGraze scientists Jim Virgona and Meredith Mitchell will present the latest EverGraze findings from the Holbrook and Chiltern Research Sites – an integrated approach to management of hill country native pastures and productive phalaris flats. Re-filling the gaps with sub clover – results from 3 different sowing rates and direct drill vs broadcast of Native grass and weed ID activity. Booking essential. Please RSVP by Monday 28th of September to: Name: Kate Sargeant Phone: 0428 325 318, 03 57354 352 Email preferred: kate.sargeant@dpi.vic.gov.au

NATIONAL CHILD

PROTECTION WEEK 2009

From the beginning of National Child Protection Week (6th September) to the end of Children’s Week (1 November) NAPCAN is conducting the largest ever survey of Australia’s attitudes to child abuse and neglect.

Preventing child abuse is everyone’s business. Help bring child abuse out into the open.

You can complete the short survey at www.preventingchildabuse.com.au

The Child Protection Service is part of the Victorian Department of Human Services. It provides child-centred, family-focused services to protect children and young people from significant harm caused by abuse or neglect within the family. It also aims to ensure that children and young people receive services to deal with the impact of abuse and neglect on their wellbeing and development.

Any person who believes, on reasonable grounds, that a child needs protection can notify the Child Protection Service. Some professionals, such as doctors, nurses, police and school teachers, are legally obliged to report suspected child abuse to the Child Protection Service. It is the Child Protection worker’s job to assess and where necessary further investigate if a child or young person is at risk of significant harm.

If the child discloses they have been abused Child Protection can be contacted on 1800 650 227 during business hours and on 13 12 78 after hours. Your identity is kept private from the family you are concerned about.

(Information from www.napcan.org.au and www.betterhealth.vic.gov.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 and www.yeahospital.org.au.

SEYMOUR SHOW

Put this date in your calendar:
Sat 3rd October. Horse entries close 18th September, other entries close 25th September.

ALEXANDRA LIBRARY EVENTS

17	Story time for under 3’s, rhymes, stories, activities & songs	11 – 12
18	Story time for 3 – 5’s stories, fun, activities & songs	11 – 12
21	Vintage Readers - grey power book discussion group	2 - 4
21	Story Collecting Workshop with Arnold Zable	9.30 - 4
22	Blokes Night – drinks and yarn with mates	6.30 – 8
24	Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome	10
24	Holiday Activities school age children – Egg Leggs	3 – 4
25	Artist and Art Makers meet & greet, wine and nibbles	5-7
29	Holiday Activities school age children – Celestial Pots	3 - 4
October 1	Holiday Activities school age children – Mini Gardens	3 - 4

Rocky
Passes



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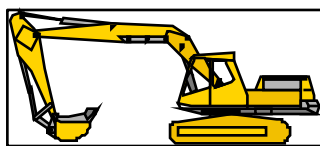
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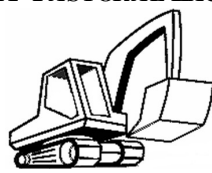
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