



# THE GRANITE NEWS

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### EMAIL FROM PAULINE IN BURMA WITH JENNY WEBB

"This country and its people continue to amaze. Have discovered a little more about its recent history post 1947 and why next year's elections could be so interesting, especially as the constitution has now been altered to accommodate minority ethnic groups. Continue to cause great amusement with all the children we meet as I try to remember their names and then PRONOUNCE them!! If I thought that Polish had a few too many consonants I'm beginning to think that Burmese may have a similar problem. However laughter is a constant sound here and we all have a great time. So far it doesn't matter where or what we've eaten ALL the food has been delicious, well okay with the exception of fish paste and fermented tea leaves. But we have had tofu to die for...hard to believe I know, although the BBQ and salads at the Australian embassy on Sunday night (we had the fish) was a pleasant change of pace, not a rice bowl in sight. On Monday we left Yangon and headed for the sacred Buddhist site - Golden Rock - up in the mountains. Definitely worth the long drive and the hike up the mountain, not to mention the bus trip up the mountain beforehand on the back of a truck- OH&S be damned. The driver kept discovering new gears!! We stayed at the Mountain Top Hotel that night and got up very early yesterday morning to watch the sun rise. Due to the cloud cover it was a bit of a non-event but still worth getting up for. On the way back to Yangon we visited a 300 pupil school run by Buddhist monks and chatted with real monks and then had a ball with all the students. The novice monks were probably the cheekiest kids there. The weather continues to be hot and sticky and I must admit that I am quite looking forward to a very cold night in front of the fire!! Only one last day to shop as well as teach some English to a group of high school students at the sewing centre. Last time Peter taught them all how to make propellers, not too sure what tomorrow holds. We both want to come back and explore further up country, inland, and meet more of the most gentle, caring people we have ever had the delight to know. " .Thanks Pauline Roberts, it sounds like a marvellous experience and hopefully Jenny will be offering this trip again.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back Kendall!! Thanks for an entertaining recount of your holiday adventures.

Many thanks to Lu Craven for coming and cooking with the seniors. We have had some delicious lunches and look forward to making savoury pancakes



Lego Donation: A huge thank you to Sylvia and Jeff and their family, who donation bags and bags of preloved lego. We have been having lots of fun

## RABBIT RIPPING HOURS

The HCCC is pleased to announce that they have received \$33,000 from the GBCMA as a Second generation Landcare grant for 2009-2010. There is a maximum of 30 hours per land-owner available and all properties are inspected before work begins. This 50% subsidy is only available for rabbit ripping and does not include any 'tidying up'. Ring Miranda 57969261

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 30

Please send all articles etc to [Miranda@omnipotent.com.au](mailto:Miranda@omnipotent.com.au) There is no charge for advertisements and community notices.

## THANK YOU GBCMA

The Granite News has received a Community Education grant from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) for printing and administrative costs. This will enable us to continue next year as funding to Landcare from the Federal Government has virtually dried up and we have been concerned about our future. Many thanks for supporting this community newsletter.

Due to the financial pressures on Landcare we will ask groups who wish to include inserts in TGN to print and deliver them to us rather than us covering the printing costs. I hope that seems fair to everyone.

## RABBITS GALORE

There has been a lot of discussion in the community about the number of rabbits in our district. Again, we are concerned that the government does not understand the enormous job that land owners and Landcare, through subsidized ripping hours, does to help combat this problem. The HCCC is looking into the feasibility of 1080 carrots for this area. As you will be aware there have been a number of changes made to the use of 1080 and it has turned into a very complex area. Many farmers have found that the poisoned oats are not as effective as the carrots in their country and would like to see the reintroduction of the carrots.

In order to let the government know the extent of the rabbit problem the HCCC would like to encourage everyone to assist by participating in the Rabbit Scan programme. This has been in The Granite News in the past but the HCCC executive felt that it was worth printing again due to the growing rabbit problem. We encourage as many people as possible to participate and fill in the survey.

## GARDENING ADVISE NEEDED

Is there a Granite News reader who would be able to send me short articles on low water garden plants for our area on a regular basis? I can provide the photos to go with the article. Let me know if you can help, thanks, M

## Community What's On Calendar—October 2009

Week beg 5TH October	Terip Terip mowing roster Jim and Jill Davidson John and Lu Craven Car park and all 4 courts
4th- 10th October	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOCMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER</b> Chris Head M Greer Geoff Halpin Geoff Bond
Tuesday 6th October	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
Friday 9th October	'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 10th 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. 10-12 am, 695B Spur Road, Clonbinane, led by local naturalists RSVP appreciated – contact Peter Mitchell on 5784 0622 or 0409 432 498
Saturday 10th October	<b>HCRFB TRAINING</b> The first training this spring will be a night exercise - commencing at the Hall at 7.30pm. Torches will be fitted to members' helmets before heading off to 245 Old Highlands Rd for a familiarisation exercise with real fire and the truck's equipment at night. As in previous years the main training for the brigade will be held at 'Shoalhaven' with rotating groups covering a variety of skills. Dates are Sat. 24th Oct and Sun 22nd Nov 8.30am at the hall, for a 9.00am start at 'Shoalhaven'. Any queries ring Peter Roberts 57969301 or Andrew Shaw 57904261.
Saturday 10th October	Farewell to Rob & Jan Gardner and Welcome, Karen & Jack - Drinks and hors d'oeuvres 6.30pm at Ruffy Store. For catering purposes, let us know if you are coming. Tel: 5790 4387
11th October	'Simply Sustainable' Jenna Carole designed and built her stone house in the Tallarook Ranges and has been living in it - with it - since May 1998. With the growing anxiety regarding our relationship with -or without - the environment, Jenna decided, in consultation with her house, to open its doors to people wanting to explore the possibility of living more simply - more sustainably - to let her house speak. Days: 11 October, 25 October, 1 November. Times: 10.30am to 4.30pm Cost: \$30 per adult (children under 12 free) Includes: viewing the house and property lunch provided. Jenna talking about the history, material and the systems of the house. Question and answer session. takeaway information. Individuals, families and groups are welcome. Maximum number per day: 15 Book by phoning Jenna on: 5793 8283 or by mail: PO Box 411, Seymour
11th-17th October	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOCMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER</b> Peter Wales Mauro Del Frate Richard Waugh Darren Brock
Saturday 17th October	CFA Cricket 11 over Round Robin At Ruffy Rec Reserve Starting at 11.00 Lunch provided Gold coin donation Contact Ruffy/terrip David Sleigh 57904301 Tarcombe/WHC Brian Tolley 57969244 Highlands/Caveat Scott McKay 57969259 Yarck/Merton Tom Jones
Saturday 17th October	<b>BOOK LAUNCH</b> You are invited to attend the launch of "Confronting Mephistopheles", a novel by Dennis Spiteri. It will be launched at his Hillcrest studio/gallery in Highlands at 11am by the novel's editor Jenna Carole. The book will be available for purchase (\$25) at the gallery on this ay. Opening hours 10am to 4pm. RMB 6020 Old Highlands Road
24th October	Whitehead's Creek will be running a Bush Dance at 7.30pm. This will be held at the Hall. We have booked the same wonderful band as last year. Bring a plate and come and enjoy some dancing, singing or just catching up with the wonderful people in our area. A donation at the door to assist in paying for the band would be great.
Wednesday 28th October	11am Yea Library JB's Magic Storytelling ,Fun & Rhyme Time. Explore and enjoy the delights of library storytelling and rhyme time. Join Library staff Kate, Kerry & Sharron as they bring their travelling shows to you followed by a magical season of storytelling by professional storyteller JB (June Barnes-Rowley). Enjoy music, activities, stories, rhymes and lots of fun. Storytime sessions are great for all children up to school age while rhyme time is a pleasant way to introduce toddlers to the delights of music, musical instruments and simple rhyme and rhythm. Enquiries to 57720349.
31st October	HIGHLANDS IS HOSTING A CANCER COUNCIL "GIRLS NIGHT IN" ( <a href="http://www.girlsnightin.com.au">www.girlsnightin.com.au</a> ) Fundraising Authority ID: 654381 ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS CANCER RESEARCH. WE AIM TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND RAISE CANCER AWARENESS WHILE HAVING A FUN, SOCIAL AND INFORMATIVE GIRLS NIGHT OUT. Contact SHARYN SHAW ON (03) 5790 4297 Mob: 0437 281072 Email: <a href="mailto:asshaw@activ8.net.au">asshaw@activ8.net.au</a> or MARISA GORRY ON (03) 5796 9360 Mob: 0417 133409 Email: <a href="mailto:mdaisy-may@optusnet.com.au">mdaisy-may@optusnet.com.au</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## TREES FOR SALE

We have some thousands of surplus trees that need to find a home and be planted asap. They are for sale at \$0.40 each tube and this gives people an opportunity to raise money for their own community fundraising ideas. Please call me on 0428414547 if you would like to buy some. Regards, Jason Hagan, Mclvor Landcare Group  
Email: secretary@mcivorlandcare.org

## HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

On a perfect day for a bushwalk, ten walkers set off from the Highlands hall and walked down the Seymour road to Lade's Rd where we ventured into paddocks and followed the Crow's Nest Creek (a tributary of Stewart's Creek) through magnificent gorge country. The creek was traced all the way to the Habbies Howe valley where lunch was taken. After lunch we crossed the Seymour Rd and climbed in a southerly direction ascending the Highlands plateau and back to the hall.



## PLASTIC FACTS

429,000 recyclable plastic bags are dumped in landfill every hour. They can take up to 1000 years to break down. The world's largest landfill is floating in the Pacific Ocean! The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is an 'island' formed by rubbish that has been thrown into the ocean and is now trapped by currents in one place. Made up of over 90% plastic, this floating dump between Hawaii and California is about the size of New South Wales!

For more information go to [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A desk top computer that is no longer needed. Ring Jono for details.

## Murrindindi Library Service

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Tuesday 10 Nov Eildon Golden Trout Hotel 7pm—9pm

Wednesday 11 Nov Glenburn / Toolangi Toolangi Tavern 7pm—9pm

Thursday 12 Nov Yea Yea Library 7pm—9pm Bookings Essential 57720349 Spread the word. It's FREE

## HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA

It was agreed that to improve communication and to reduce Highlands-Caveat Rural Fire Brigade expenses, the majority of communications with members will be through email. To ensure members receive all appropriate information can you please send an email to the Secretary at the following address - [j.holyman@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:j.holyman@cfa.vic.gov.au). Non-CFA members are also encouraged to send their email address to the Secretary so that relevant community safety information can be distributed to you. In your email, could you please clearly indicate whether or not you are a member of Highlands-Caveat Rural Fire Brigade.

Nominations for Highlands-Caveat Rural Fire Brigade members interested in filling the 3rd Lieutenant's position are now open. Forms for nomination are available from inside the station or have been emailed where the address is held by the Secretary. Nominations must be with the Captain by 5 p.m. on the 8th October

## BOOK LAUNCH

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## RABBITSCAN

This a nation-wide challenge for community and schools to help scientists map where rabbits are, by asking people to 'scan' their landscape (school, farm, parkland, roadside reserves, etc) for signs of rabbits and their damage, and to load their results online" We are trying to determine the distribution and density of rabbits in Australia. We know that rabbits are coming back after more than a decade significant relief through calicivirus. When we look, we are finding populations further north than our current maps indicate and in great densities in some coastal areas, for example. The densities are important, because we have a greater awareness of the impact of low rabbit numbers on native vegetation.

"Try and go for a walk this week and log on yourself. We did it as a family in an area we walk a lot, but it was quite a different experience for us to take note of rabbit signs and damage - the boys found three warrens that we must have walked past a hundred times before and never really noted."

<<http://www.rabbitscan.net.au/joomla/index.php>>

## INDIGENOUS TREES SIGNS

Thanks to a grant from the GBCMA Highlands Landcare received funding to produce signs to identify indigenous trees in our area. Thanks to Scotty and Peg the signs are in and we hope the community finds the information useful. The signs include the common and botanical name for each tree. We tried to put them in places where it is reasonably safe to pull over and have a closer look.



Scotty and Peg on the job.

Rocky  
Passes



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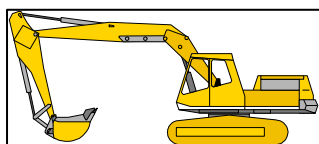
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