



# **GRANITE NEWS**

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WHITEHEADS CREEK · TERIP TERIP · CAVEAT · RUFFY · HIGHLANDS · HUGHES CREEK

#### **PEOPLE AND PLACES**

#### **BUSH SCHOOLING**

Terip School is about to turn 100. Not so long ago, single room schools were as much part of the landscape of every small community as the CFA shed or the tennis court. Now, although so many of the buildings have been removed or transformed, they live on in our memory's landscape. Terip Terip School No 3619 closed its doors to students in 1977. The building is now a private residence, but in honour of its former life, the community will gather to celebrate when next May when it turns 100. The day will start with lunch at the nearby Recreation Reserve, then there will be an afternoon tea at the school on May 2, 2010. Memorabilia will be on display and we have started collecting material for a book.

You may be able to help. We are looking for ex-students, teachers, bus drivers, parents and anybody connected to the school to bring us their stories. We are after the real stories— not the official ones, but the anecdotes that will build a vivid picture of the day to day life of the community and the families as they coped with the pressures of early settlement, war, depression and drought, or how they celebrated when times were good.



Although modern technologies have speeded up the way we communicate, oral history has never gone out of fashion.

An account from a witness speaking from direct experience ensures that as the school and the community change, we preserve our precious links with the past.

What really happened, on the way to school, at playtime or when the teacher wasn't looking? Perhaps you went fishing instead. It doesn't matter if you weren't a model student - in fact it's sure to make your story more interesting.

You can contact us on teripschool100@fastmail.fm or, if you would like me to come and listen to your story and be your scribe, ring me on 5790 4352, or write to sariwawn@bigpond.com AND we would also like to include photographs in our publication. You can send these to teripschool100@fastmail.fm, or contact me if you would like me to make other arrangements to copy em. Post script: If you went to a bush school other than Terip, you might like to share your thoughts with TGN. We don't know exactly where our reminiscences will lead us, but they will be valued. By Sari Wawn

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Zac Deglaitis: For entertaining us all with his cooking show, in drama this week. Well done Zac!

#### **Board Games Donation:**

A huge thank you to Helen and Gordon Williams for the donation of board games and books. We have been having lots of fun playing them.

#### Thank you:

Thanks to Shane Deglaitis for donating a tray of eggs for cooking last term. We made toad in the hole, French toast and eggs on the BBQ for Footy Day.

#### **Tastes of the Goulburn:**

We have been given 4 free tickets for the Heritage Train Ride at the Tastes of the Goulburn on Saturday 17th October. If you would like a free ticket please contact the school.

#### **WELCOME TO ISSUE 31**

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

A question from Scotty-Who is Dav from Terip on the radio SEN with a father in law with 5,000 sheep? I don't know why Scotty wants to know as he doesn't even like sheep......



Philip Wischer is showing the senior students at HPS how aborigines load a spear. The point is tied on with sinews from the foot of a kangaroo.



John Heath working with some HPS students, planting trees in the new Highlands Community Arboretum, next to the Highlands Hall.

## FoodWorks Community Points Donation:

Yea FoodWorks presented Highlands PS with \$304. When shopping at Yea FoodWorks you can donate your points to Highlands PS by quoting the number 642 for your points. This is an easy fundraiser. Thanks to all the parents and community friends who already do this! We are very grateful to Redrops FoodWorks for their support.

Community What's On Calendar—October/November 2009	
Week beg 12TH October	Terip Terip mowing roster Ken and Robyn Richards The Listers Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
11-17th October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER Peter Wales Mauro Del Frate Richard Waugh Darren Brock
14th October	Woolgrowers invited to hear AWI CEO Brenda McGahon Seymour AWI and the Seymour Wool Marketing Group invite all interested woolgrowers to come to a woolgrower forum with Brenda McGahon CEO AWI 6.30pm to 8.30 pm with light refreshments to follow. Venue is the Seymour Racing Club, Kobyboyn rd, Seymour. Inquiries/RSVP to AWI 1800 070 099 or Seymour Wool Marketing Group (Jane Court) 0427 200451 Further information at these sites -: www.wool.com/Events and go to Vic www.woolpoll.com.au/
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	BOOK LAUNCH 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
18-24TH Octo- ber	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER  Debbie Cerda Glenn Christensen David Freeman James Matters
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.
Saturday 24 October	WOMINDJEKA DAY: Yea Wetlands, Experience, enjoy and understand nature in the Yea Wetlands. Celebrations for Womindjeka (welcome) Day will begin at 4pm at the Police Paddock with a free barbeque complete with damper and billy tea. Walks, talks, songs and stars, sure to be a great night. Call Glenda Woods (Waterwatch): 0428 321 545
Sunday 25th October.	Creightons Creek Landcare will conduct an inspection of Fenced and Revegetated creek areas.  Meet at Shoveltons 746 Creightons Creek road at 9.30am, finish 12 noon  Any enquiries contact Barrie Noye 5790 3223
Wednesday 28 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" (www.girlsnightin.com.au) 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: asshaw@activ8.net.au or MARISA GORRY ON (03) 5796 9360 Mob: 0417 133409 Email: mdaisy-may@optusnet.com.au
6th November	By popular demand - the return of the 1st Friday BBQ - Need to book - Ruffy Store 5790 4387
8th November	Whitehead's Creek will be running a day to reiterate the importance of tree planting. This will be at the hall at 10.30am on Janet Hagen will be there in the morning with her trailer and we will do seed planting and she will give a talk on Seed raising, propagating and on planting and the importance of species choosing in fire prone areas. We will then serve a tasty, free lunch and this will be followed by a talk by David Laurie on the importance of trees in our landscape. We will then have a large selection of tube trees to give away.
Saturday 14th November	10am -12noon Black Market - a low kilometre food exchange. All welcome. This month it will be at the home of Beatrice Neilsen and Michael Greer. 215 Ghin Ghin Road, Whiteheads Creek. 0409 413 768
10th & 11th November	Pasture Cropping - Improving Biodiversity and Regenerating Soils with Dr Christine Jones and Colin Seis. DSE/DPI Office Benalla - November 10th (10 am - 4pm) and November 11th (9 am - 4pm). Register with the Project Officer, Irene Ham on 5764 1282 or 0409 576 412 by October 30th. Registration cost is \$20. Topics include: building soil carbon and soil biology, farming procatices that influence cardon dynmaics, low inputs for better profits, rejuvnetatiin pastures, benefits of perennial pastures and native grasses, pasture cropping and grazing management and efficient use of fertilisers.

### **Classifieds & Community Notices**

## WILD4ART WITH DARREN GILBERT

Darren is a local artist who had an excellent exhibition at the Ruffy Store earlier this year. Now he is going further afield with a group exhibition at Yarragon.

An exhibition of wildlife art. Featuring: Janet Matthews, Vida Pearson, Rodger Scott and Darren Gilbert. 17th October - 1st November 2009 Opening: 2pm Saturday 17th October.

Town & Country Gallery
111 Princess Hwy Yarragon VIC
03 5634 2229
www.townandcountrygallery.com.au
For more details on the exhibition and
artists go to
www.monkeytaildesign.com/pages/
wild4art.html

#### Wild4Art The beginning

Wild 4 Art was a concept, which the four of us were mulling over individually and happened to become a topic of conversation over coffee one day. We all had been working and exhibiting together with the Wildlife Art Society of Australasia and had a lot of similar ideas, plans and ethics. So we decided to group together officially and form an exhibition group.

On many levels the four of us work well together as both a team and an exhibition. Our individual styles enhance each other yet are very harmonious together as well which we feel will be a strength to any exhibition we hold. We all have a passion for wild-life subjects as well as an intense love of art and particularly our own individual styles and mediums.

Hence Wild 4 Art reflects very well our love of art as well as wildlife, with the hint of 'fun'.

## ATTENTION CAMERA ENTHUSIASTS

The next HiArts Exhibition will be held on February 27th & 28th. There will be a special section set aside for photography of scenes & images of the area roughly bound by the Granite News circulation. The title will be "Highlands Exposed". It's now time to get busy with your cameras. Details of size and display format will be available soon. There will also be a general art section as in previous years. Meanwhile check the Website >hiarts.org. For further information contact Stuart on 5796 9358 or email kadumbla@mac.com.

#### SWAP

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

"Discussions on adapting to climate change are irrelevant unless they focus on rebuilding healthy topsoil." "Soil carbon is the prime determinant of agricultural productivity, landscape function and water quality"

"The most meaningful indicator for the health of the land, and the long-term wealth of a nation, is whether soil is being formed or lost. If soil is being lost, so too is the economic and ecological foundation on which production and conservation are based."

(Christine Jones, "Our Soils, Our Future", 2008)

If you would like any further information on Pasture Cropping or future courses contact Irene Ham Pasture Cropping Project Officer T (03) 5764 1282 | M 0409 576 412 693 Tocumwal Rd, Goorambat, Victoria 3725 niham@bigpond.com

## MORE FAMILY DAY CARE PLACES IN YEA

'We are delighted to announce the registration of two new home based child carers in the Yea area', said Heather Rennie from council. 'Both come to Family Day Care with considerable experience. Tracey was a carer with FDC many years ago and has also been a foster carer. She runs the video shop in Yea so will work as a carer from 7am to 3 pm each day.

'Storm has a Certificate III in Children's Services. She has previously worked at Tiny TAFE in Seymour and as a reliever at Kilmore CCC. Storm has a young son of her own so is pleased that she can be with him when she works as a carer 7.30 – 6.30pm Monday to Thursday. 'Both carers have very few places left so it looks as if we will need another carer in the Yea area soon. Most carers in other areas are fully booked as well so we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to care for children from their own home.

If you would like to use Family Day Care or are interested in becoming a carer – anywhere in the shire - please give Heather or Dee a call on 5772 0362

#### YEA COMMUNITY BANK

Committee Chairman Gary Pollard said the people of Yea had indicated their willingness to become shareholders in a local company by pledging their support in the early stages of the campaign.

"We can have all of the community spirit in the world but this venture must be seen to be commercially viable if it is going to be a success," Mr Pollard said.

"That being the case, we have contracted an independent consultant to undertake a feasibility study.

"In coming weeks, thousands of survey forms will be mailed out to homes and businesses throughout Yea and the surrounding district, asking people what level of banking business they would consider bringing across to Yea & District Community Bank Branch.

"There will also be opportunities for face-to-face interviews with potential customers to provide the consultant and Bendigo Bank with further data as to the interest in this concept."

Mr Pollard said it was important for people to understand that the survey was confidential, and neither Bendigo Bank nor committee members had access to the banking business of individuals.

"It is from those figures that our committee will make a decision regarding whether or not to proceed with establishing our very own Community Bank branch here in Yea.

"The surveys will be posted to all households in area during the week commencing 26th October. Additional copies will be available for collection from the Yea Newsagents, Yea Pharmacy and Marmalades from that date

#### **FOR SALE**

LAB Pups, purebred, 6 weeks old, great family dogs, mother and father can be viewed, super temps, very trainable, all black, had first vaccination. Soooooooooooooococute!!

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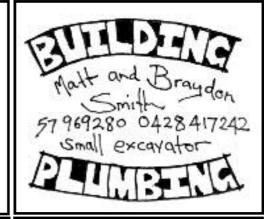
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