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PEOPLE AND PLACES

RIDING IN HIGHLANDS

Many Highlands school children rode ponies to school until about the mid-1960s. The families built a yard for day time use, near where the present school stands. The teacher often had to help the kids saddle their ponies at the end of the day.

Our older children rode, but it was quite a relief- and less anxiety- when we decided to drive them in a car, and in any case, we didn't have enough suitable ponies. Doug remembers his early school days, with Annie Henshaw and Janet McAlpin supposedly in charge of him, but often they went galloping away and jumping logs.

With many horses and ponies in the district, an annual Highlands gymkhana was held, starting after the Second World War. It was first held in a Yorston paddock, then later transferred to the McAlpin paddock, (where Steve now lives).

Some local people, notably the Webbs, were very involved in the Euroa Pony Club, and later, some became members of the Yea Pony Club. Gymkhanas were also held at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, and at Yarck.

I can remember a couple of our kids riding down to Homewood for a gymkhana there. There were many novelty events, as well as riding events and competitions for ponies and horses. The Hobbies Howe jackaroos often added colour to the Highlands events, and participated with great enthusiasm.

The 30th gymkhana was held in 1978, and attracted record entries for a twenty event programme.

Polo Crosse was played in the 1950s, with Ian Lade being the Captain. After many of these events, a dance was held in the Highlands Hall. (It makes me tired just to think about it all!)

The Highlands Club ran an annual Race Meeting from about 1974, in paddocks now owned by Neill Lade. At first, only paddock horses were accepted, but professionals crept in, and insurance became an impossible financial burden, so the very successful events were cancelled.

Peg Lade

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week

Daniel Deglaitis: For doing a great job of learning his lines for the play and the words to the songs. Super job Daniel!

Family Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to attend the Family Breakfast on Wednesday 16th December at 9am. After breakfast we will distribute awards and the Year Book. We will also do the school Kris Kringle.

Prep Transition

The final transition day is next Tuesday 8th December for the entire day- 9-3.15pm. Students need to bring a fruit snack, playlunch, lunch, a drink and a hat. We look forward to having Angus, Oliver, Will, Lucia, Emily, Gabby and Maddy working with us.

WANTED BADLY!

Wanted **plastic bottle tops!** We are collecting and need 1000 for a special art project which Leone would like to start this term. Please collect at home and drop into school.

Yea Show

Congratulations to the students who were awarded prizes in the schools' section of the Yea Show.

Alex Horne won Highly Commended for his picture of a farm animal, Lachie Wischer got 1st prize for his picture of a show scene, Laura Bennett received 2nd prize for her essay and Imogen Geffert and Kassie Shaw also received Highly Commended for their essays.

We also had some students who entered items in the public section of exhibitors and were very successful. A great overall effort!!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 38

Please send all articles etc to
Miranda@omnipotent.com.au

FIRE RESTRICTIONS COME INTO FORCE

Fire restrictions have now come into force in the Shires of Mitchell and Murrindindi .

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK OF THE GRANITE NEWS IN 2010

If you would like a spot you first need to contact Miranda by email or phone 57969261. 9 spots left.

WORKING WITH CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUPS

People & Parks Foundation is an independent charitable organisation whose purpose is to connect people with parks in order to educate them about the natural environment and to build a stronger relevance in peoples lives. They want to know if there are more Friends groups that would be interested in working with their corporate volunteer groups.

Ideally projects should meet the following criteria:

- . Min: 3 hours
- . Max: 6 hours
- . Min group size: 10
- . Max: no maximum
- . Start / End times: Normally earliest start is 9:30, latest finish 4:30pm
- . Location: Melbourne Metropolitan area (at this stage, further afield later)
- . Days: Weekdays (Monday to Friday)

If required, the company involved in the project will be approached to fund any items such as seedlings etc needed for the project to go ahead. Contact Rachel Laurie, Program Coordinator rlaurie@peopleandparks.org 03 8627 4890

Community Break Up at Highlands

Friday 11th December 6pm at Highlands Hall, BYO BBQ and salad to share. Santa will pay a visit, \$5 present for your child/ren to be dropped off at school prior to evening.

Community What's On Calendar—November/December 2009

Week beg 7th December	Terip Terip mowing roster Neville & Sue Debney Peter Short and Betty Jenkins Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
Week beginning 6th December	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK ROSTER Doug Halpin Mauro Del Frate HIGHLANDS CAVEAT RFB TRUCK ROSTER Crew A Scott McKay 57969259 DRIVER ROSTER Rick Webb RUFFY RFB TRUCK ROSTER David Sleigh's Crew PH 57904301 0429904301
6th December to February 2010	"Journeys near and far" - an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Leone Gabrielle at Rocky Passes Estate 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek 57969366
Friday 11th December	Highlands Caveat Community Break Up 6pm BYO BBQ & salad to share Students and community groups will be performing skits and songs. HPS awards presented . Visit from Santa! Let's celebrate together. Start preparing now....No 'Drinks on the Deck' event tonight. This is in bold especially for Dennis! Pauline has anyone told you that you were doxed in at the CFA meeting to organise their skit?!
11th December	Tallarook Christmas Craft Market Friday Night 6-9pm Any enquires Ellise Rickard Market Manager 0427801633
12th December	White Hart Hotel Longwood T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 7.45pm - Potty's Disco - spinning us some great tunes, old and new
Saturday 12th December	Black Market at Rocky Passes 10 to 12 pm Low kilometre food exchange, this month at Mauro and Debbie del Frate's (home of Palmanova olive oil) - 305 Blue Top Rd. Any queries call Candi on 57969366 or the del Frates on 57969363. All welcome.
Sunday 13th December	There will be a Christmas service of carols and readings with a surprise Christmas presentation at the Church at 2.00pm. All are welcome. Afternoon tea in the hall follows the service. The church is 2.5 kms from Ruffy on the road towards Terip-Terip. Many thanks Fred Jungwirth
18th December	Tapas and Wine night at Rocky Passes - the last Friday of the month from 6pm onwards . The next Tapas night will be on December 18th as the last Friday falls on Xmas day. 1590 Highlands Rd 57969366 Remember that you need to book.
20th December	White Hart Hotel Longwood T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com 4.30pm - The Hairy Lasso's - the dirty old towners are here to have some fun
24th December	Community Christmas Service A community Christmas Service will be held at 5pm. on Christmas Eve at the Caveat Church. All welcome
Saturday 9th January 2010.	TERIP TERIP ANNUAL SOCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT 10.00am Sections 1& 2 & juniors (approx 4 sets alternating partners) \$10 entry includes morning and afternoon tea (children and family concession) Light lunch, BBQ tea and cold drinks all available. Great family day! Enquiries Cindy Hayes 57904226 Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262 Helen McKenzie 5790 4211
Tuesday 26th January 2010	Seymour Australian Day Ceremony and Market from 8.00am - 1.00 am held at High Street Seymour - middle road reserve (behind Police Station). Free community breakfast begins a 0800, Local Entertainers, Chil- dren's Activities and Market Stalls Australia Day Ambassador Fabian Dattner, attending the Ceremony is well known to many Australians. She is a regular commentator in the media on corporate ethics, organisational alignment and leadership issued.
3rd February 2010	RUFFY BOOK CLUB Another year over and now we plan for 2010. It was decided at our last meeting that the first Book Club get-together for next year would be on at my place ..1980 Creighton's Creek Rd at 8pm No particular book was set, but if you can bring a list of your own personal holiday reading, with the idea of each person giving a short review, would be great. Looking forward to catching up in 2010. Have a safe and happy holiday, Cheers Jacquie Bottcher

Classifieds & Community Notices

WORM RESISTANCE

Thanks to Richard Wallis for sending this information which he thought some of our readers would be interested in. To learn more contact stephen.love@industry.nsw.gov.au

* Drenching before moving to very clean pasture ?

* This is one of those Catch-22 situations.

* On the plus side, drenching and moving to a very clean paddock is good because the rate of reinfection of animals is very slow. So, you get good worm control.

* On the down-side, you are likely to get increased selection for resistance because there are few worms 'in refugia' (few worms have escaped exposure to the drench). i.e. on that clean paddock, where you have put the freshly drenched sheep or goats, a large proportion of the worm population are individuals that have been exposed to and survived the drench. These breed and make a big contribution to the succeeding generation of worms on that paddock.

* There is no easy way around this, but here we go:

Before moving stock to a very clean paddock, check that they DO need a drench (faecal worm egg count-WormTest). If they DO require a drench, you can delay the move after the drench, giving the drenched animals time to pick up some 'unselected' worms to 'dilute' the resistance worms left behind by the drench. The obvious question then is, how long do I delay the move? There is no one 'size fits all' answer to this unfortunately, because every situation is different. Sorry. If you think a paddock has a high proportion of resistant worms on it, you can 'dilute' these worms by moving a wormy mob of sheep or goats onto the paddock from elsewhere on the property. Re-sowing, cropping, or hay-making are others ways to deal with the resistant worms (except around the edges of the paddock). All this requires individualised advice, however.

Avoid unnecessary drenching of (relatively) immune animals; e.g. adults, especially dry adults, versus young sheep.

As to lambing ewes, a better way is to prepare the animals and the paddocks beforehand. Ewes that are in good condition when they lamb generally fare better worm-wise than their poorer mates, and their lambs do better as well. Paddocks that are prepared beforehand (so that they have good feed, and are not wormy) are also a part of the solution.

<http://Vet26mi.wordpress.com>

BEARDED DRAGONS

Most people are familiar with the bearded dragon, but around Seymour and in particular near the Bushland and Light Horse Parks, we have an interesting and very striking colour variety. The colour is yellow ochre, through to bright orange. The soil in the Light Horse Park can be vivid red, so perhaps they have evolved into this colour variation, though I have not noticed them to be this colour in the Inland.

The one pictured is in Wine Shanty Lane and is less orange than the LH and Bush park specimens I have seen. These lizards are quite common, but suckers when it comes to traffic. So keep an eye out for them, and try to avoid squashing them! Lesley Dalziel



FUNDS FOR RIVER HEALTH

THE Brumby Government will invest \$8.4 million to improve the health of rivers in the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority region.

"The funding will go to projects for priority river health activities on high value waterways to improve stream condition."

The projects include:

Three sustainable irrigation projects and seven river health projects;

Reducing salt, sediment and nutrient loadings to the iconic River Murray; Control of weeds on waterways, enhancement of frontages and stream bed stabilisation within the upper Goulburn catchment and Broken River basin; and River monitoring and research activities including indigenous community engagement, protection of threatened species and the implementation of threatened species recovery plans.

EUROA ARBORETUM

The Euroa Arboretum is busy propagating tubestock for 2010. If you would like to confirm an order, please ring ASAP so that we have the right species available for you.

If you are interested in propagation, join us during Thursdays and Fridays and every 2nd Wednesday 9am-4pm -stay for as long as you like.

Learn the intricacies of growing native plants from seed and cuttings! (We would love the help too.)

Call Sam 0429 127 399 or 5796 9275

TAPAS NIGHT

On Friday evening 27th November there took place at Rocky Passes Estate, the first of what will be a regular event in the Highlands/ Seymour social calendar - a Tapas Bar evening. Visitors were treated to an ongoing variety of mouth-watering dishes, which together with the highly regarded wines and the stimulating conversation made it a night to remember.

It was an enjoyable and relaxing evening, made more so by the beautiful surroundings that Candi and Victor have created within their vineyard. For a blissful moment during this balmy night, I thought I was in Spain as I savoured the last exquisite taste of Queso de Obeja. The Flamenco music in the background; the ochre-rendered walls of the wine tasting room and finishing the meal with Helado con fruta borracha y avellanas (Vanilla ice-cream with branded fruit & hazelnuts) all added to this wonderful fantasy.

Highly recommended. Check the Granite News Calendar for details.

Dennis Spiteri

NEXT TAPAS NIGHT December 18th from 6pm onwards. Need to book 57969366





Tastings & "blackboard menu" lunch
Sundays
11am - 5pm

Tapas bar
last Friday of the month from 6pm

Bookings 57969366

1590 Highlands Rd, Whiteheads Creek

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Breakfast & Lunch
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Lunch Fridays from 11.30am

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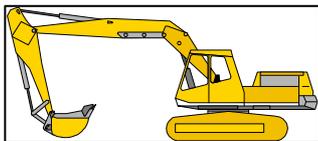
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