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PEOPLE AND PLACES

An exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculptures by LEONE GABRIELLE opened on Saturday 5/12 at Rocky Passes Estate.

Leone's inspiration for these works was her trip to Indonesia this year.

Leone wanted to represent the richness of Indonesian life, the chaos and connection between all activities, the evidence of sense of community and fun. She observes that, in comparison, we live our daily lives in a much more sterile and segmented way.

Certainly her use of colour and detail in the works brought this to life. Many were scenes of simple everyday activities and they were infused with a complexity and richness that spoke of enjoyment and contentedness.

Leone says she thinks about the balance in our own lives of 'the tame versus the wild'. In these works her depiction of humans as monkeys, so prominent in Indonesian life, was a very graphic way to draw us all to contemplate that notion.

Time spent with this exhibition will take you into another world, full of colour, activity, fun and opportunities for new interpretations of the world.

The sketches offer cameos of everyday scenes and are delightfully simple.

The sculptures are very representative of Indonesian culture mounted beautifully on local stone.

Leone says that each piece is a manifestation of herself, not unlike a child. She also knows that she then releases them to the world to do 'their own work'. She does not presume to understand or know what that will be. Each person encountering them along their way will have their own experience and find a meaning relating to their world.

The exhibition is open until February. All pieces are for sale.

Rocky Passes Estate is a great venue for such an exhibition. Candy and Victor are very generous in providing events that enrich and build the community, encouraging creativity and participation.

Thank you Leone, Thank you Candy and Victor.

By Angela Wallis

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



STUDENT of the WEEK

Walter Geffert : For being inclusive in the playground and being concerned for others. Super job Walter!

YEA MARKET BBQ

HPS is doing the BBQ at the Yea Market on Saturday 6th February from 8.30am-1pm. This fundraiser will go towards buying mulch for the new play equipment that will be installed in February. We need volunteers to assist with cooking the BBQ and selling sausages. We also need donations of coleslaw. Please put this date on your calendar as it is the first week back at school.

STAFFING 2010

I am happy to announce that with increased enrolments for 2010 we have been able to increase our staffing profile. Miranda will work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Peter Roberts will work each Monday to teach Science and PE. Hopefully after the February census we will be able to afford another teacher one day a week to teach the Juniors so I can have some administration time. Libby Ahern will visit in the Library van once a fortnight, on a Monday and Judy Thompson will be the Mobile Art teacher each Tuesday fortnight. In a small school like Highlands PS it is important to expose students to a range of teaching styles and we are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated staff team at HPS.

ART PROJECT

Plastic Bottle Tops!! We need 1000 for an art project Leone is starting with the students. Please keep collecting over the holidays.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 39

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

As this is the last Granite News for 2009 I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to another busy time in 2010.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make The Granite News possible—Mavis Cook, Jan and Cindy Hayes, Karli Chase, Pauline Roberts, Candi Westney, Peg Lade and Dennis Spiteri.

Thank you also to the businesses who advertise on the back of The Granite News. Without your support we wouldn't have a community newsletter. There are still 9 spots left so I do want to encourage people to support us and take a spot.

Thank you also to all the individuals and groups who send information for TGN. Without you there would be no newsletter. I am really aware that it is often dominated by news from Highlands and would really appreciate more from Ruffy, Terip Terip and Whiteheads creek in 2010. Happy to organise you a regular spot each week that you share in your community, whatever works for you.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN FORCE

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.

Please send me your advertisements over the holidays so that I can have the back page ready to go at the beginning of term 1 2010.

HiARTS EXHIBITION ARTIST ALERT!

Just a reminder for artists, including photographers, to start registering their entries for the Exhibition on February 27th & 28th. Entries are due in on February 1st. You can enter on line www.hiarts.org or contact me for an entry form. Stuart Reid 5796 9358 or email kadumbla@mac.com.

Community What's On Calendar—December 2009/January 2010

Week beg 14th December	Terip Terip mowing roster Neville & Sue Debney Peter Short and Betty Jenkins Both sides of Springs Road and all 4 courts
Week beginning 13th December	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK ROSTER Geoff Halpin M Greer HIGHLANDS CAVEAT RFB TRUCK ROSTER Crew B Peter Roberts DRIVER ROSTER Roger Strong RUFFY RFB TRUCK ROSTER John Furlanetto's crew 57953435 0427344956
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
16th November to 4th January 2010	Artist Tess Noonan Egan is holding an exhibition called 'My Year without Plans' Mitcheltown Winery Cellar Door Gallery Tess is one of the Euroa arboretum's 'Stories of Steel and Stone' Screen artists All enquiries to tess56e@lanttower.com
Wednesday 16th December	HCRFB Training Night There will be an evening training session at "Habbies Howe" starting at 6.30pm. Skills practiced will include pumping and transferring water and how to survive a burn-over. Members are reminded that regularly training in these areas is essential for your safety on the fire ground. A BBQ will Follow. Peter
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.
19th December	Highlands V Ruffy Saturday 2.00 pm at Ruffy Recreation Reserve. BBQ afterwards all welcome. Contact David Sleigh 57904301 or Scott McKay 57969259
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
Friday 8th January	'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 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.
Friday 29th January 2010	A season of summer evenings A relaxing Friday evening for all to enjoy! The Euroa Arboretum 76 Old Hume Highway Euroa Contact/enquiries: Sam: 0429 127 399 Shirli: 57 952 500 Friday 26th February 2010 Friday 26th March 2010 BYO BBQ food& drinks. BBQ Chef, super salads & nibbles supplied!
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
27th & 28th February 2010.	Highlands Art Exhibition and Family Festival Art for viewing and sale; special photographic section of High- lands and district; Music; poetry; art demonstrations; children's activities; great food, wine and other refreshments.

Classifieds & Community Notices

HPS CONCERT

We always enjoy the HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL concerts, but after attending them for about 55 years, I can honestly say that last Friday was the best ever. Susan Bennett wrote and directed the performance, the theme being Highlands History. Every child took part with lots of help from community members and parents. They rehearsed for about a term and a half, and Susan written topical words to old favorites such as Waltzing Matilda, Advance Australia Fair, On our Selection and others.

The various segments were Hume and Hovell, The Squatters, The Man from Caveat, On our Selection, Holy Bill, School Skit, Rabbits, The Heel and Toe Polka, How McAlpin topped the Score and several songs as a Grand Finale.

I wish we could hear it all again. A delicious supper and lots of chat followed the performance. The 7 preps for next year, and many more little ones, will surely keep our school going for years to come. By Peg Lade



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KIDS - GO FOR YOUR LIFE IN FAMILY DAY CARE

Carer Katherine Lowrey from Eildon promotes healthy eating in her Family Day Care program. 'I have been using the Kids - Go For Your Life messages of 'Plant fruit and veg in your lunchbox' and 'Tap into water' as part of my daily programming, said Katherine. 'The children enjoy preparing their own fruit so I was thrilled to bits when I sent back a survey and won an Apple Slinky.

'This gadget makes a wonderful slinky out of an apple and the children enjoy watching how it works and then eating the result!

If you would like to find out more about using Family Day Care or becoming a carer please phone Heather or Dee on 5772 0362.



HELP WITH RADIOS IS HERE

Are you giving or expecting to receive some new audio visual equipment this Christmas? Need help setting up, understanding the instruction booklet, programming or installing an antenna. Matt & Simone Ulstrup have started a new business in Ruffy called Strathbogie Antenna Services. Matt travels the world tuning antennas for FM radio transmission stations so he must be good. For a free quote and on-time service ring 0427 330 344

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

A large group gathered for the final ramble for 2009, including quite a few children. It was an ideal day for walking- not too hot and with a moderating breeze. We left the Highlands Hall in convoy, headed up Lade Rd and parked at Peg and Dougs "Glentannar" property. From here we walked along Beulah Lane past beautiful Manna Gums and Peppermint trees. Then through paddocks to the remains of Don's Hut (PHOTO BELOW) where we took lunch. The flies were pesky but the wise ones had fly nets. We climbed Don's Hill where we enjoyed superb views. Onwards to Boundary Creek and the Dropmore Weir where we found the rocks very slippery but the cool water was very welcome. Finally to the Dropmore Rd where we were met by cars and transported back to "Glentannar" for a lovely afternoon tea under the magnificent oak trees. A huge thanks to Andrew Shaw for organising and leading the walks this year and to Peg Lade for her encouragement and support.



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Passes



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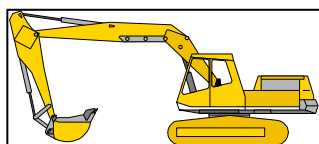
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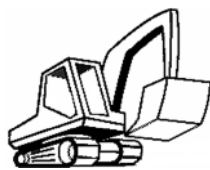
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