



PEOPLE AND PLACES

NOSTALGIA

One of the great attractions of collecting the stories of Terip is the journey into that often maligned territory of nostalgia. When I watched the Australian film, *Celia* on ABC 2 on Saturday night, I have to confess, I indulged in a night of nostalgia.

The film was about a family in Surrey Hills during Henry Bolte's reign as premier. The details of the period - clothing, housing, hair-dos and the gang of children running free in the wild spaces that still existed in the suburbs - were all just right.

Why mention it in TGN? it was also about the misadventures of Murgatroyd, white, with one black ear, *Celia's* pet rabbit. *Celia's* father bought him/her in return for a promise that she would not play with the communist children next door.

When the rabbit problem besetting the country was mentioned, *Celia* said that it was only brown ones that were pests. Poor Murgatroyd was confiscated and died in captivity, just before a permit for her/his release was obtained.

Who, as child or adult hasn't faced a conflict of interests involving an animal?

Robyn Richards, who still describes herself as an animal girl, when asked about her school days at Terip wrote:

'So animal orientated was I, I remember Wesley Green bought two small kitten rabbits to school one day, which I purchased from him for 10 cents each. He had caught them ferreting over the weekend!! I am happy to say that Bonnie and Clyde lived for many years and produced many offspring.'

Later Robyn added, '...the local farmers, including my own father, would have been horrified that I had such an extensive "common" rabbit breeding program happening in the back yard. (all which stemmed from Bonnie and Clyde)

However I would now argue with passion that the skills derived from the responsibility of nurturing such a successful breeding program have stood me in good stead for the many challenges I have faced as a farmer, vet nurse and even mother!!!

By Sari Wawn

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our fabulous classrooms have arrived! We are SO excited, they look great!!!!



We were lucky to have a visit, information session and taste testing with Teesha and Carolyn from the Fresh Fruit and Vegie Market in Melbourne.

Trivia Night: Tickets are now ready for sale! This major fundraiser will be held on Saturday 28th August in Yea Shire Hall at 7pm, \$12 a person, tables of 10 are encouraged but we can put people together to make up tables. This is a huge fundraising opportunity for Highlands PS and we'd like to make it as successful as possible. We have already successfully started gathering donations for auction items, if you have any suggestions we'd be grateful to hear from you. Mark the date in your diary, it is sure to be a great night.

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 24 August 2010
7.30 pm at Ruffy Hall

Presentation:

The Many Faces of Ruffy

followed by Light Supper

All community members
welcome!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 23

Please send articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au
Strathbogie Council Committee will hold a meeting to consider the submissions on Tuesday August 3 @ 5.30pm at the Euroa Conference Centre.

My most humble apologies to Pauline Roberts for putting the apostrophe in the wrong place in her recipe last week. I put Robert's and of course it should have been Roberts'. As this is one of my pet themes I was shocked to realise I had made the same mistake. Thank you for pointing it out Pauline.

FOX NUMBERS NEED ADDRESSING

Last weekend the Ruffy district resounded to the sound of gun shots. The Noye boys and mates were having a fox drive.

35 fresh bodies were added to the "fox fence" at the corner of Nolans Rd and the Boathole Rd. You can see from the photos what sleek foxes with thick pelts they bagged. Fox numbers are very high this year and Henry's hunters did a great job to thin their numbers. Tally for the weekend was 45.

Janet Hagen



HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB

Formed February 1972.

The Highlands Spinning Club is still alive and kicking! We are a small easy-going group who meet the 2nd Monday of each month, at my home, 450 Caveat-Dropmore Road, Caveat. A couple of us spin fleeces and others knit, crochet or embroider. Anyone who would like to come along and join us (ladies or men) will be made very welcome. We meet from 11am until approx. 3.30pm. Just bring your lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

Jan Sporry

Community What's On Calendar—August/September 2010

Fortnight beg 2nd August	Terip Terip mowing roster Brad Kellett and Kate Bernie & Sari McMahon Car park and all 4 courts
Week beg 8th 14th August	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK ROSTER Glenn Watson Anthony Wallis
1st-29th Aug	Leone Gabrielle solo exhibition Gallery 34, 34 High Street, Yea PH 0407978317 info@gallery34.com.au
Sunday 8th	Communion Service Terip Terip—Ruffy Uniting Church service , starting at 11.15am
Friday 13th August	'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. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.
Friday 13th August	HIGHLANDS AND STRATHBOGIE WETLANDS FIELD DAY The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority invites you to come along for a few fascinating hours to hear about recent investigations into the vegetation, management, hydrology and history of the unique spring soak and peatland wetlands in the Highlands and Strathbogies ranges. Meet at Ruffy Hall 1 Nolans Road, Ruffy at 10am, then travel to Janet and Justus Hagen's property, 214 Weibye Track, Ruffy. Lunch, tea and coffee provided BYO gumboots and umbrella RSVP 9th August to GBCMA PH 03 58201100 Further information contact Simon Casanelia on (03) 5820 1126, email simonc@gbcma.vic.gov.au
Saturday 14th August	7.45pm - Ruckus - They've caused one or two in their time - get ready for another great night with Mick, Marcie & the guys White Hart Hotel, Longwood T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Saturday 14th August	TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY DINNER at The Rec Reserve 6 pm for sherries and nibbles 7pm dinner MEAT SUPPLIED BYO drinks & glass and a dessert to share \$20 per person - \$6 for school children DRESS THEME – “RED” Prizes for best and most outrageous outfits RSVP please, by 10th August Frances Lawrence – 0427 904 262
Saturday 14th August	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Candi Westney & Vitto Oles, at Rocky Passes Estate, 1590 Highlands Rd, Whiteheads Creek. Brian Bowring will give a demonstration of fruit tree grafting. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au, or Candi on 5796 9366 for more information
Monday 16th August	TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING @ 7.30 - at the Terip Terip Rec Hall. All old, present and new members welcome.
Saturday 21st August	Are you considering pasture renovation or does the paddock only need an oversow? If you renovate, what are the best species to match your enterprise and what sort of fertiliser is good practice? Are you au fait with your soil's nutrition and the needs of your pasture for ongoing maintenance? Matt Helder, an agronomist from Murrumbidgee Fertilisers, will be speaking knowledgeably about all the above. Come and see ongoing projects at Judi and Ian Marshman's, who have kindly agreed to host the morning on their property to share their experiences and show the results in the paddocks. Morning tea will be provided. 9.30 - 11.30 am, WHERE: 279 Langs Rd, LIMESTONE COST: none RSVP: Judy Brookes, 57 972 563 or juncball@bigpond.com
Sunday 22nd August	Terip Terip—Ruffy Uniting Church service , starting at 11.15am
Tuesday 24th August	Ruffy Community Action Group – Ruffy Hall, 7.30 pm. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, followed by presentation: “The many faces of Ruffy” and light supper. All community members are invited to attend this meeting!
Sunday 29th August	Casual Church in the Hall Terip Terip—Ruffy Uniting Church service , starting at 11.15am
Sunday 29th August	4.30pm - David Delle-Vergin - Rescheduled date with Tamworth Songwriters Association, 2009 Country Song of the Year winner White Hart Hotel, Longwood T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Sunday 29th August	Terip Terip Back To Committee invites you to a celebration afternoon tea 2pm @ Terip Recreation Reserve This afternoon tea is to say “Thanks” to the many people who supported the celebrations and made it such a success. The committee was overwhelmed with the assistance they received during the planning, operational and post phases. We are still collecting stories, photos, or information that can contribute to our publication on the history of the Terip School and the community. A plate of afternoon tea to share would be appreciated RSVP - Sue Martin 0357904277 19th August 2010

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Classifieds & Community Notices

IMPORTANT FIELD DAY FOR LOCAL LANDHOLDERS

If you have a spring, bog or soak on your property you will find this field day very interesting.

Friday 13th August 2010.

Ruffy Hall 10.00 am - 1.15 pm

Lunch by Ruffy Produce Store

Janet & Justus Hagen's property 1.30

pm - 2.30 pm

Scientists have been studying the bogs in this area for the past 2 years. They will now share their findings with the community.

Hear why the Strathbogie Ranges wetlands are unique.

Learn about the plant and animal communities they support.

Understand the hydrology of bogs.

Learn how to manage these wetlands.

Just fencing them off is not the answer.

Grazing, burning or slashing may be needed.

Discover what grew in our wetlands before the early settlers cleared the land by examining pollen samples from mud cores.

Be informed on how to apply for grants to protect & manage your bogs. Wetland Tenders

Launch the new Springs, Soaks & Bogs Conservation Management Network.

Visit impressive bogs on the field trip.

Contact Janet Hagen Landcare

57 904268 to book a place.

jhagen@harboursat.com.au

EUROA WOOL WEEK

Euroa Wool Week Spring Festival calling for stallholders

Euroa Wool Week Spring Festival Committee is happy to announce a revitalisation of its Sunday in the Park festivities.

Kids' entertainment, music, spinning and weaving demonstrations; produce stalls, children's rides and games and food stalls will make up a full program of events in the park.

Chair of the Committee, Neville Mawson said, "Set in the scenic Seven Creeks Park the event is a wonderful day for the whole family. The market has been an integral part of the Festival for many years and we encourage stallholders who are interested to come and be a part of the festivities."

Sunday in the Park (on Sunday 31 October) is part of the Euroa Wool Week Spring Festival celebrations, which commence on Saturday 23 October 2010.

If you are interested please call Valda Day on 5795 1301 or email eu-roaspringfestival@gmail.com

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

OWLS

Andrew Hubbard and Helaine Stanley saw a Barking Owl at their hideaway towards the back of Three Sisters not long after last year's fires, and have continued to hear its distinctive calls - both the dog-like "wook-wook" and the blood-curdling human-like scream.

This is really encouraging as DSE staff, who have been monitoring Victorian owl populations since 2000, have recently warned that owl populations, particularly the large Powerful Owl and the Sooty Owl, are declining.

The downward trend in owl numbers is thought to be due to the combination of drought and fires, which have impacted on their natural prey (gliders and possums), and destroyed old trees with large hollows, which are needed for nesting.

Relatively smaller owls, including the Barking Owl, may be better able to sustain themselves on insects in harsh times, but of course still need hollows.

Any other reports of owl sightings (or hearings) would be gratefully received. ugrecovery@gbcma.vic.gov.au

From Strath Creek Landcare News



LOOKING FOR A STRING PLAYER

I am looking for anyone with string experience. I am trying to find a teacher or just get together for practice session. I am playing Violin and Viola (well trying) so if anyone else is interested, let me know. Bruce Thomas, The Trawool Shed and Café PH:57991595

URGENT PATO PLEA

It is important that anyone whom is interested in taking part in the helicopter spraying get in contact with me before this Friday (30/07/10). Fortunately there is funding of \$3000 this year, this will be divided by the number of loads that are requested, thus the subsidy will vary depending on the amount of interest from the community. As of yet there has been very little interest, so the subsidy should be high. It is important that the community works together to keep Paterson's curse under control, so anyone whom has a bad case of Paterson's curse really should consider using the helicopter. Please get in contact with me ASAP if you are interested.

Edwina McKay email:
hughes.creek1@gmail.com
mobile: 0422547918

COMMUNITY to CAST VOTES for YOUTH WEBSITE LOGO

To celebrate the launch of the Murrindindi Shire Council's new Youth Website, the community is asked to decide on the preferred website logo by voting online.

If you are 12 years of age and over and living in the Shire of Murrindindi then your vote counts.

The artworks can be found at www.youthmurrindindi.com and all you have to do is follow the link to cast your vote. All people who cast a vote, and leave their details, will go into a draw to win a great prize.

Voting opens 9 August at 9am and closes 6 September at 5pm.

For more information contact Murrindindi Shire Councils Youth Participation & Development Officer, Rani, on (03) 5772 0713 or email youth@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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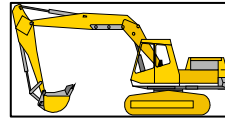
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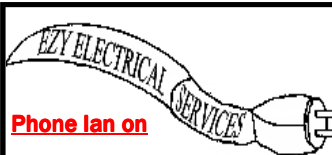
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