



PEOPLE AND PLACES

HAPPENINGS IN RUFFY

Helen & Doug at The Store have a new Chef called Nigel Robinson, and what a wonderful Chef he is!!

Nigel was born in Harrowgate Yorkshire & at school he was the only boy to take cookery along with the girls. When he finished school he became an apprentice Chef working in restaurants for four years.

In 1987 he moved to London living in East Putney & worked for two years in The Savoy cooking for such people as Elton John, Cilla Black, The Rolling Stones and also Princess Diana!!

Moving to Germany he worked for two years, he then moved to Canada working in the large resorts in Alberta for two years and became Chef De Partie cooking for such people as Royalty, Rock Stars & even The Aga Khan!! He was at Whistler for 5 years also.

In 1995 Nigel came to Australia on a working holiday & worked in Queensland. Took stock of where he was headed in the trade so went back to the UK for Christmas then to The Cayman Islands into 5 star hotels Then onto Bermuda for two years cooking for the high flyers.

Back to UK to be with his Mother as she had been ill. He entered a cooking competition & won Chef of The Year!! Meeting Claire after 15 years, but Claire went to France so he followed her there working in the Chalets; Claire was not happy there so they went to Spain & worked on the Super Yachts in The Mediterranean.

Claire had lived in Melbourne so they both came to Australia Nigel came as a skilled migrant, Claire lived in Melbourne before travelling so they settled there. Their son Daniel was born in Melbourne in 2008.

They have now bought a home in Euroa. Daniel is now an Australia Citizen so they are all Australians, and here in Ruffy we are so thrilled he is here!!

By Mavis Cook

A very big thank you to Mavis Cook who has agreed to help The Granite News by interviewing people in our community for this column. If you know of any newcomers to the area or people who Mavis could approach, please let her know, I'm sure she'd be very grateful for any suggestions or support. MY

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Science Competition: HPS students achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of NSW Science Competition in June. Congratulations to Lachie Wischer who received a Credit and to Walter Geffert and John Bennett who received Distinction. Well done boys!



Knitting with Will & Lucia's Nana, Marlene.



The Art work Suzie Bates initiated at HPS. These flowers will be displayed at the town entrance for the Great Victorian Bike Ride on Friday 3rd December.



Building Works: It is getting close now! The painters came on Tuesday to touch up the paint on the inside and paint the base boards. The electricians came on Thursday along with the painters. We started moving things and the seniors are completely settled. The Juniors still have some things to move but we expect to be fully functioning in our new school by Wednesday!! Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who have chipped in and helped with moving things.

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A BIG THANK YOU

Recently we had a house fire in our roof in Gums Rd, Caveat. We would like to thank our local fire brigades for such a quick turnout and great effort to help us contain this fire. To Highlands/Caveat, Terip Terip and Ruffy we thank you for your swift efforts on the early hours of a Saturday morning. We are grateful that all the training they have put into action over the years finally paid off for us and our children. Also I would like to thank all the wonderful locals & friends for their phone calls of help and offers of homes for us if needed whilst repairs are being done. But the most important is a massive thank you to 4 very brave and helpful children, Mick, Kass, Angus and Amber, we would not have been able to stop this fire without their controlled efforts and brave actions. Please take this to heart when we say that all the Fire drills and training we give our children at home and at school paid off for us on a cold wet Saturday morning. Thank you!!!! Andrew & Sharyn Shaw



Ivan Durrant, Leone Gabrielle and Olivia Lawson at the opening of Leone's exhibition at Gallery 34, High Street, Yea.

The opening was so packed that it was difficult to get in the door. However, everyone was pleased with one design innovation. Apparently all the children were invited to stay, securely stored in the safe! There was champagne and hors d'oeuvres for all. Make sure you go and see it— open Thursday to Sunday. 9—4pm

Ivan Durrant gave a speech and opened the exhibition. He talked about how fabulous it is to have art in rural communities and that this shouldn't be a luxury but part of everyone's lives.

By Adam Dennis

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 15-21st Aug	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK ROSTER B Bortalazzo Roger Broome
1st-29th Aug	Leone Gabrielle solo exhibition Gallery 34, 34 High Street, Yea PH 0407978317 info@gallery34.com.au
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 Strathbogie 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.
Monday 16th August	Vintage Readers – Grey power reading group 2 - 4 pm Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH: 5772 0349
Thursday 19th August	Storytime for under 3's, rhymes, stories, activities & songs 11 – 12 noon Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH: 5772 0349
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 Murrindindi 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!
Thursday 26th August	Secret Men's Business from 5.30pm Local get-together at the Caveat Church on the last Thursday of each month. Bread & Sausages provided BYO drinks. All welcome
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
Sunday 29th August	Highland Ramblers, meet 10.30 am Highlands hall, return by 3pm. For more information contact Andrew Shaw 5790 4297

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCUST INSECTICIDE REBATE

The purpose is to assist eligible landholders prepare for and treat locusts on their private properties between 1 September 2010 and 31 May 2011, through the provision of a rebate on the cost of purchasing approved insecticides.

The Locust Insecticide Rebate will provide eligible landholders with a 100 percent rebate on the cost of approved insecticides used to treat Australian Plague Locusts between 1 September 2010 and 31 May 2010, up to the maximum available rebate. GST will not be included in any rebate payment.

Complete the Locust Insecticide Rebate application form available from DPI offices, the DPI locust hotline (135 559), the DPI call centre (136 186) and www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts

This rebate applies to Mitchell and Strathbogie Shires.

BLACK MARKET UPDATE

The next Black Market will be hosted by Candi Westney & Vitto Oles, at Rocky Passes Estate on Saturday 14th August, 10am to 12 noon

Learn How to Graft Fruit Trees

Brian Bowring will give a demonstration of fruit tree grafting. If you'd like to have Brian show you how to graft for yourself, bring along any fruit tree seedlings and any scion wood off good trees that you have. Bits about the size of a pencil are good off last year's growth. If we have some bigger seedlings he can demonstrate whip and tongue grafts as well as cleft grafts for the smaller bits.

Future Black Markets

The Black Market - a monthly local informal food exchange and "open garden". You can bring your own home-grown excess veggies, fruit, etc to swap or sell, or produce you've made yourself such as preserves, bread, jam, pickles, etc. If you don't grow or make your own, you can buy from those who do. The Black Market is also open to local people who grow commercial produce (e.g. olives, nuts) on a small scale.

Rocky Passes Estate is about 15 minutes east of Seymour. Take either Highlands Rd or Kobyboyn Rd out of Seymour. Kobyboyn Rd joins up with Highlands Rd about 15 minutes out of Seymour. Keep going along Highlands Rd past the Kobyboyn Rd intersection. Rocky Passes Estate is on the right, shortly after the intersection. Candi & Vitto's number is 5796 9366.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

GREY FANTAIL

The Grey fantail is a relative of the Willie wagtail and is every more restless than that active bird. It is seldom still and doesn't seem able to fly in a straight line, darting and weaving to catch insects on the wing. Its long tail is almost always fanned open, whether flying or sitting on a branch flicking the tail from side to side. The nest is made from grass and bark tightly woven with cobwebs and has a thin 'tail' hanging down, like a wine-glass without the base.

By Louise Currie



FEDERAL ELECTIONS-2010.

Most Granite News readers will be voting either for candidates in the seat of McEwan or the seat of Indi. Any Victorian resident can vote at ANY polling place in the state. There is an important proviso-you must bring an ID with you - (licence etc)-if voting outside your own seat .If you will be interstate or overseas a postal vote is the best bet-ask at your post office. In our area there will be polling places in Ruffly, Yarck, Longwood, Molesworth as well as the larger towns. Remember that you can vote from 8am to 6pm. The booth at Ruffly will be staffed once again by Justus-(he's done every election there since 1980!) and Merv Shaw-also building up an impressive record. Although there are usually no queues in our smaller booths voting can sometimes take longer than you think- as well as the serious business of voting for the next Government, election days can be a good day to catch up with old friends!

By Justus Hagen



URGENT PATO PLEA

A 50% SUBSIDY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHEMICALS TO SPRAY PATERSON'S CURSE.

We have been working very hard for years to reduce our Pato problem in Highlands and the huge amount of effort is definitely paying off. It is a slow task but we are making headway.

Unfortunately it just takes one land owner to miss a year to take everyone backwards. Please encourage neighbours to act now to spray their weeds to protect all our past work. For more information please ring

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HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

We had beautiful sunny weather for our July walk and though numbers were low it was good to see Carole back after an ankle problem. We started at an old sawmill site in the Highlands Road halfway to Caveat and wandered south through a mixture of cleared paddocks and bushland between Fassifern and Spaniak roads. Lunch was on top of a hill with beautiful views south, though still not quite clear enough to see Mt Dandenong. In the afternoon we passed one of the oldest still standing huts in the district, three sides now protected by tin but the front showing the walls of logs cut in the late 1800's. In the denser bush above Jack's creek Andrew's amazing eyesight spotted a deer that the rest of us could barely see without binoculars, and coming back he entertained us with tales of some of the less reputable former residents such as marijuana growers and the Orange People. By Louise Currie

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

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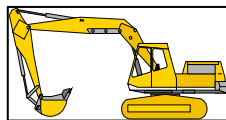
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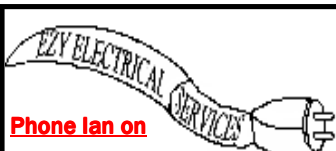
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