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PEOPLE AND PLACES

JOYCE WADDELL (nee Michington)

15/12/1910 - 9/10/2010

On the early hours of Saturday morning last (9/10) Caveat Highlands lost one of our true pioneers of the district. Joyce Waddell (Nee Michington) in her 100th year. Joyce lived at the property "The Caveat" all of her life. She was married to Ewen Waddell (Dec) and mother to Jeannie, Grandmother to Carmen, Jody and Joanne, and great grandmother to Madison, Heath, Lana, Daniel & Kelsey. She was also a dear friend to hundreds more.

Joyce one way or another touched so many people in this district that her passing has left a hole in our community that can never filled. All though our district is called Highlands by most, but Joyce did not live in Highlands, she lived in Caveat. To Joyce it was known as the Caveat Highlands CFA this she would remind us of quite often, always Caveat first.

My earliest recollection of Joyce & Ewen Waddell was when my father & I would go around to the Caveat to buy fencing supplies from Ewen, he was the local agent. You would be invited in to have a cuppa and a biscuit and Joyce would tell us stories of the old times. On other memory that sticks in my mind is the times we went to church at the Waddell's Caveat Property, I didn't go for the church I only went for the concrete for my skateboard (AWESOME). Sometimes I would have to listen to the hymns being sung and I would hear Joycie's deep, singing voice over most others, I always wondered how such a small woman could have such a deep strong voice.

As I grew older and started to walk this area, if ever I was to find anything I would ask Joyce, she would know and tell me in great detail of what or who it was. I feel, as many of us in the district do, honoured and privileged to have known her and have been able to listen to her stories of our past. I will miss my "History Lessons" (as she would call them) over a cuppa and cake at the Caveat.

During the time I spent researching for the Highlands/Caveat Returned Services Board of Honour I was able to find out many interesting facts about our service men and women regarding who they were, where they lived and who they worked for from Joyce. This gave us so much information and helped us to create an accurate honour board, Amazing memory, thanks Joyce. In Joyce's last few years she moved down to ROSEBANK at Yea, where I've been told she kept the garden in her area ship shape and the resident gardener on his toes. (As only Joyce could)

I personally will miss Joyce; she has given me so much knowledge about our district and the people who lived here. I only hope that I can pass on some of it to my family just like she has. And I know the ramblers thank her for all her knowledge over the years so we can have these incredible walks around our districts.

By Andrew Shaw

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Mad Hatter's play

THE CHRONICLES OF KENNETH

This Friday and Saturday night at the Highlands Hall. Bring a drink and a snack to enjoy as you watch the talent from the Highlands district.
7.30 start

Tickets \$20 for a family, \$8 for an adult and \$5 for a child.

Ring Pauline PH 57969301.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meagan Callander has headed off for her 3 weeks trip to LA, Mexico and a few other stops in between. She has left Highlands Primary School in the very capable hands of Peter Roberts and the slightly dodgy Miranda Yorston as Acting Principal. Fortunately Miranda is off to Ballarat on a senior camp so Peter will take full responsibility for 3 days this week.

Senior students will be staying at Sovereign Lodge, the accommodation at Sovereign Hill and they are all looking forward to 3 action packed days. We are lucky to have Sharyn Shaw, Maree Gilbert and Bruce Heath (Lachie Wischer's grandfather) accompanying the group.

We all enjoyed out Teddy Bear Parade on Friday, lots of fun.

Laura Bennett is the current table tennis champion in the senior room but I suspect that if Walter Geffert and Zac Deglaitis really concentrate she may find the next few matches even harder. The competition is fierce and very close.

Thank you to Philip Wischer who came up last Friday and ran a creative art session with the juniors. We all appreciated it.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 32

Please send articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au or ring on 57969261

The BreastScreen Mobile van will be screening in Seymour until late Janurary, 2011. It is located at the Safeway Carpark, corner of Williams & Wallis Streets, Seymour. For women 40 years and over, especially women 50 - 69 years. Women can make an appointment by calling 13 20 50.

An interesting fact about October 2010: This October has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays, all in 1 month. It happens once in 823 years.

CRICKET

Riverine Club V Wilderness Cricket Club (Combine team from round here) Saturday 6th November 11.00am at Stanley (near Beechworth) Anyone who wishes to play please contact Scott McKay 57969259 or scottmckay@habbieshowe.com.au

Thanks to Sharyn Shaw for sending the two photos below of snow on last Saturday morning, it was quite a shock to pull the curtains and be greeted with a white landscape.



The Shaw children delighting in their new toy, snow.



Gums Road, Caveat

Community What's On Calendar - October /November 2010	
Fortnight beg 18th Oct	Terip Terip mowing roster Jim and Jill Davidson John and Lu Craven Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
Week beg 24th October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Rob Hayes Ned Jeffery
Wednesday 20th October	Highlands Hall & CFA Building Precinct Upgrade: Murrindindi Shire Council has allocated funds from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to precinct upgrading works in the vicinity of the Highlands Hall and CFA Building. Please come to public meeting at 10am at the Hall to discuss and help develop this community project.
Thursday 21st October	Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative meeting. 8pm Caveat Church. All welcome so please come and contribute to your community, we need you!!
Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd October	The MAD HATTERS are proud to present, 'THE CHRONICLES OF KENNETH' , the continuing saga of Sir Kenneth Montague-Smythe, his family and friends. We can promise you laughs, songs, romance, intrigue, treachery, crimes of fashion, pirates, and a fearsome dragon, not to mention quite a lot of rats and ferrets. Fun for all the family! Performances to be held at the Highlands Hall, at 7:30pm . Ticket: contact: Pauline Roberts ph.57969301 or Susan Bennett ph.57904333.
Friday 22nd October	An Introduction to Pasture Cropping with Colin Seis Pioneer of the Pasture Cropping technique. Steers' woolshed "Clear Creek", 377 Nagambie Road, Avenel. 9:30-2:30pm RSVP by Monday 18 October. A BBQ lunch will be provided Contact: Jacci Campbell, 5828 9274 or office@campbellfarms.com.au
Saturday 23rd October	WATERWISE GARDENING with Kevin Walsh 1pm - 4pm A Sustainable Communities Program (www.sustainable-communities.com.au) seminar to be held at the Seymour Customer Service Centre, 28 High St, Seymour (the former state government offices). Please advise of your attendance to Cathy Koning 5734 6357 and cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
Saturday 23rd October	WETLAND BOAT CRUISE: Tahbilk Wetlands . 12pm Take the family along and enjoy a tour of the spectacular Goulburn River Wetlands, departing from Tahbilk Winery near Nagambie—seats are limited so book early! Call Kristy Elrington (Goulburn Valley Water): 5832 0469
Sunday 24th	Terip/Ruffy Uniting Church Worship 11.15am
Sunday 24th October	CANOE TRIP: Goulburn River in Shepparton 9:30am, 12pm, 2pm Join aquatic invertebrate specialists to discover what lies beneath, while bird observations add to the adventure of this unique tour. Guided tours will depart during the day, and canoes and safety vests provided by Adventours will take paddlers along the Goulburn safely. Older kids welcome! Call Danielle Beischer (Waterwatch): 0437 981 544
Sunday 24th October	The Nature of Mount Piper A walk with local experts to look and learn about wildflowers, golden sun-moths, butterfly communities, birds, bats and more starting at 11:00 pm Mount Piper Nature Reserve, Jeffrey's Lane, Broadford BYO Picnic Lunch (and chair) An easy walk looking down for wildflowers and up for birds. Our walk will take us to the areas set aside for the Golden Sun-moth. Around 12:30 we will gather for a chat and picnic lunch. After lunch, we will discuss monitoring of the Golden Sun-moth for those who are interested. Others may like to walk to the summit to check out the butterflies that "hilltop" at Mount Piper. For more information, contact Peter Mitchell on 0468 795 954 or mitchell.moss@iinet.net.au
Monday 25th October	GARDENERS!! AUSTRALIAN PLANT & BUSH LOVERS!! 7.30pm 2010 YEA COUNCIL CHAMBERS HALL. The Australian Plant Society Murrindindi is pleased to invite all keen garden and plant lovers to a presentation by: RODGER ELLIOT AM – horticulturist, writer, lecturer, gardener.
Thursday 28th October	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.
Saturday 30th October	White Hart Hotel Salty Dog - bring your dancing shoes for our cup weekend special T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Sunday 31st October	Highland Ramblers walk. 10.30 am at Highlands hall. Return by 3pm. Ring Andrew for more details PH 57904297
Tuesday 2nd November	Terip Terip Annual Cup Day Chicken and Champagne Lunch . Come along and join the fun at the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve on Cup Day For further details and bookings please ring either Helen McKenzie 5790 4211 or Kate Wright 5790 4148.
Thursday 4th November	Lions Club Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit Invites you to our Annual Oaks Day Luncheon at Seymour Race Club Admission \$22.00 (tables of 10) Drinks available at the Bar (NO B.Y.O.) Door Prizes Raffles Mystery Draws Best Dressed Best Hat Sassy Shoes Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall Seymour NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR Proceeds from the day will go to Cancer research and Lions projects.
Saturday 6th November	The Yea Country Market, showcasing local producers, growers and makers, is a community event with a gold coin donation entry – funds from entry to be donated to local charities each month. Many and varied stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, playground and skate park. Accompanied by a backdrop of live music, relax and enjoy a latte while taking in the ambiance at the Yea Railway Park

Classifieds & Community Notices

FREE HARD & GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Murrindindi Shire Council is providing a free hard and green waste disposal service to assist people to clean up their homes and property in the lead up to the fire season.

The free disposal program operates until the 24th December at all of Council's Resource Recovery Centres (Transfer Stations). The offer does not apply to commercial or building waste.

People wanting to use the free service will need to prove eligibility by presenting a copy of a current rates notice (or other appropriate verification of the property you own or reside at) to the site attendant. Residents wanting to use a commercial contractor to dispose of their clean-up waste must make prior arrangements with Council's Coordinator Waste Management to utilise the free service provisions.



GALLERY 34 EXHIBITS DARREN GILBERT'S WORK

The detailed pen and ink etchings of native Australian birds were admired on opening night, as a crowd of some 60+ people arrived to catch the first glimpse of Darren's 5th Monkey Tail Collection.

A new collection of larger drawings were launched for the first time on Friday at Gallery34, giving people the opportunity to view his work on a larger scale in a true gallery setting. Along with a selection of garden sculptures Darren's collection appeals to everyone who steps through the door. Gallery is open Thursday to Sundays 9-4.

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME HOTLINE

To report wildlife, forestry and exotic animal crime or any suspicious activity to DSE's compliance team phone – **13 6186.**

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Martins

Martins look very like their close relation the Welcome swallow, but without the forked tail. Both the two local martin species are just returning from a winter spent up north. They have a whitish rump, which is another difference to the swallow. The Fairy martin (Hirundo ariel) has a rusty-coloured head and the Tree martin (Hirundo nigricans) has a small rusty spot on the forehead of an otherwise dark grey head. Like the swallow, they feed by catching insects on the wing and are quick and agile flyers. Below is a photo of a Tree martin.



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CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WEEK

Parents, grandparents and friends of young children are invited to participate in local activities to celebrate Children's Week 2010.

Monday 25 October - Teddy Bear's picnic, Yea Railway Reserve. Wednesday 27 October - Pram Stroll around the beautiful Eildon Pondage, meeting at 10am at the BBQ Shelter/playground Riverside Drive, Eildon Thursday 28 October - Teddy Bear's picnic, Kinglake Service Centre Playground.

All activities start at 10am, and children are invited to bring along their favourite teddy bear as there will be prizes for the best dressed teddy. A healthy morning tea will be provided, and parents are welcome to utilise the BBQ facilities at all locations if they would like to stay on for lunch.

For more information phone your local Maternal and Child Health Centre: Yea 5797 2888, Alexandra 5772 1183, Kinglake 5786 1337.

ZAP THOSE LUNCH BOX BLUES AWAY!

As the school year draws to a close lunch-box fatigue can start to sneak in ... both for those of us that prepare the daily offering and the little darlings who have the final say on where that foods ends up!

Fruit – best choices include fresh or tinned fruit. Dried fruit is sticky and high in sugar, so have it occasionally. Best left out of the lunch box are dried fruit bars and 'straps', which are very high in sugar, low in fibre and stick to children's teeth causing tooth decay.

Vegetables – try vegetable sticks with dip or a small container with mixed vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, capsicum and cucumber. Chips and packets of crisps are best left for parties and special occasions.

Milk, yoghurt and custard – include a small drink of milk (freeze overnight) wrapped in a cloth in the lunch box. Fruit yoghurts should be kept cool in an insulated lunch box. Best left out of the lunch box are 'dairy desserts' and flavoured milks, which are high in sugar.

Dips, cheese and biscuits – prepackaged or your own homemade versions of cheese and crackers are fine. Children enjoy mini packaged cheeses. Avoid sweet dips such as chocolate spreads. 'Oven-baked' savoury biscuits are just as high in salt and fat as chips and are best avoided.

Different breads add interest – include a variety of bread, especially if children begin to lose interest in sandwiches. Try bread rolls, pita bread, flat bread, bagels, fruit loaf or buns, foccacias, scones, pikelets, muffins, crumpets, crispbreads, rice cakes or corn thins.

Vary the fillings – fillings can include vegemite or other yeast extract, peanut butter, cheese (try different types), tuna, egg, sliced cold meats, baked beans, grated carrot and lettuce, chopped roast meat with pickles or chutney, and avocado. Dips like caviar (taramosalata), eggplant, chickpea (hommus), cucumber, yoghurt (tzatziki) or spinach also make good spreads. Avoid chocolate spreads, jams and honey, and fatty meats like salami and strasbourg.

Muffins and cakes – try making your own muffins and cakes as a great way to include more fruit and vegetables. Examples include sultana, carrot, zucchini, banana or pumpkin. Donuts and creamy cakes are best offered at birthdays and special occasions instead of in lunch boxes.

Source: Better Health Channel www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au



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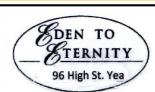
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