



WELCOME TO ISSUE 40

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This is the last Granite News for 2010. I decided not to print a hard copy for the Highlands run as it is the first day for the new postie and that seemed a bit mean. I will talk to him or her during the holidays and hopefully they will deliver TGN for us in 2011.

Apologies to anyone who misses out. It is worth putting as many names down as possible to receive TGN by email in case we do lose the privilege of the free hard copy delivery service in the future.

Merry Christmas everyone and thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. I look forward to starting afresh in 2011 for our 5th year of publications. Apologies for last week's 'locust plaque' instead of 'locust plague', oops I said as I had to look at it 200 times as I folded newsletters!

Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy

A group of local residents has been working for 4 years to secure the former Ruffy Primary School for transformation into the Tablelands Community Centre and their efforts were rewarded last week with the purchase of the property by the Shire of Strathbogie from the Dept of Education Victoria. The school occupies a significant position in the centre of the Ruffy township opposite the Ruffy Produce Store. The Ruffy Primary School operated for 120 years, from 1886 to 2005, delivering a formative education to almost twenty generations of Tablelands children and the passion for the retention of the site in public hands has been infectious. Over the 4 year journey to acquire the school the community support for the project has grown immensely and some locals have even been heard to utter the words "sacred site"!

The Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy will provide a welcoming and accessible resource & education centre for the entire Tablelands community and our visitors. It will provide Education & Outdoor Recreation spaces, Community Internet access, Local History library and much much more. Open Day & Public Meeting: An Open Day is scheduled for Sunday January 23rd at 3pm to be followed by a Public Meeting at 4pm to elect initial office bearers for the Community Centre EVERYONE is WELCOME

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The Granite News will only continue if it is supported by its local community.

SUSY BARRY'S THAI SALAD (very easy and delicious)

The green part

Mixed green leaves
A couple of handfuls of rocket
Whole bunches of coriander, mint, basil and/or parsley – chop/ tear the leaves as finely or roughly as you like.
Mung bean vermicelli noodles – quarter of a 250gms pack . Twist or use scissors to cut the dried noodles into 2-3 inch lengths, soak in boiling water until soft (5-10 mins – check) and when cool, mix through the leaves
Crushed peanuts – a hearty handful (good to know if anyone has a nut allergy?)

A big handful or an enthusiastic shake of fried shallots (buy in a jar in Asian shops)

You could put in some kind of protein (chopped chicken, steamed prawns, sliced and marinated spicy BBQ pork) or just have it plain. Throw it all into a bowl and toss gently to combine all ingredients.

The dressing

(Thai/ Vietnamese influences!)

Nearly equal serves of Thai fish sauce and fresh lemon or lime juice – maybe 4 tablespoons of lemon juice to 3.5 of fish sauce...

2 cloves of garlic, crushed

A couple of hearty grinds of black pepper

½ teaspoon sugar

½ teaspoon chilli sambal or a chopped small red chilli (deseeded) – optional
Combine in a jar, letting it sit for awhile. Dribble the dressing over it just before it's eaten and toss thoroughly - don't swamp it with liquid. Because the dressing is salty/ sour, less is more! Sprinkle some more fried shallots on top once everything is combined. Serve and EAT!

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Kaylam Kirkham: For working so well in the senior room on transition day. Well done!

Graduation: We had a lovely evening on Wednesday, celebrating the graduation of Laura, Kassie and Imogen. We had a delicious meal at Rocky Passes, thanks to Candi and Victor. The girls all gave excellent speeches which they presented with confidence and totally engaged their audience. Edwina McKay, an ex student from HPS, was the guest speaker. She talked to the girls about transition and reassured them that although it is frightening at first, all would be well.

Congratulations to the girls on completing their primary education and we wish them the very best for the next step in their education.



Left to right: Miranda, Laura, Meagan, Kassie and Imogen

Rotary Bursary Award: Each year the Rotary Club of Yea awards a bursary to a student in each of the local schools. This award recognizes effort, progress and positive role models within the school. This year's recipient from HPS is Kendall Richards. Meagan attended the Rotary meeting with Kendall's family where Kendall was presented with the award and made an excellent speech. Congratulations Kendall.

Community What's On Calendar - December 2010/January 2011

Fortnight beg 20th Dec	Terip Terip mowing roster Alec and Marion Rowan Mark Ireland
Week beg 26th Dec	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Michael Laker M Greer
Week beg 26th Dec	Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade Roster Duty Officer Captain Travis Tilton (Ph) 57 904 335 (Mob) 0429886 380
Thursday 16th December	Highlands /Caveat Fire Brigade Training 7pm @ Highlands Fire Shed - Coordinators Scotty 57969259 /Callum 57969265
Friday 17th December	A Climate for Opportunity BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSECURITY 9.30am-2.30pm Benalla Government Offices 89 Sydney Road, Benalla Guest speakers include: John Morgan, Ecologist from Latrobe University, on climate change and the impact it will have on vegetation in our part of Victoria. Kate Stothers, DSE, on the Victorian Government's policy responses to biodiversity and climate change including biolinks and what they could mean for the area. Kyla Finlay, Entomologist from the Biosciences Research Division of the DPI, on an integrative approach to understanding the pest and disease threats to agricultural biosecurity under future climates. Landcare-Support Officer Ph: (03) 5763 2465 Email: landcare2@inet.net.au
Saturday 18th December	Ruffy & Highlands Cricket Match 1pm at the Ruffy Rec., is the annual end of year grudge match between Ruffy & Highlands . Any actual cricketer with any connection to Ruffy, however slight, is invited. We need to reclaim the trophy and bragging rights. As much as the ageing cricketers may think that the match is the main event, it is just background entertainment for our district Christmas get together. Santa will visit; BYO food & drinks for the BBQ that follows. Habbies Howe sausages & steak available at the Ruffy Store
Friday 24th December	The Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Caveat Church at 5pm. It will be a simple service catering for all ages. We are still wanting someone able to play Christmas carols. Contact Stuart Reid 5796 9358.
Friday 7th January	Leone Gabrielle Solo Exhibition at Ruffy Store."BIRD SONGS" Paintings and Sculpture. 7 Jan Opening night. Exhibition runs till 14 March 2011.
Saturday 8th January 2011	TERIP TERIP ANNUAL SOCIAL TOURNAMENT - Come along and enjoy a relaxed family day of tennis. Sections 1 & 2 and Juniors. Entry includes approx 4 sets tennis, morning and afternoon tea. Light lunch, BBQ tea and cold drinks all available. 10.00 start \$10 entry includes morning and afternoon tea (Children & Family concession) Enquiries: Helen McKenzie – 5790 4211 Cindy Hayes – 5790 4226 Frances Lawrence – 0427 904 262 Sue Martin – 5790 4277
Saturday 8th January	Community Fire Safety Presentation 10am @ Highlands Hall - Presentation by David Webbware Yea Group All welcome Coordinator Sharyn 57904297 0437281072
Saturday 9th January	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Richard Telford & Kuni Yoshimoto at 'Abdallah House', 1a Abdallah Road, Seymour, near the corner of Abdallah and Tarcombe Road. Richard will give a tour of their recently built house, an urban example of low impact living with design features that include: a home grown deck, cool cupboard and cellar, passive solar design, food production and rainwater harvesting. For more information on Abdallah House, visit www.abdallahhouse.com . Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , for more information about the Black Market.
Friday 14th 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. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. "Don't forget the Aerogard!!".
Thursday 20th January	Highlands /Caveat Fire Brigade Training 7pm @ Highlands Fire Shed - Coordinators Les 0448269261 /Sharyn 0437281072
Wednesday 26th January	SEYMOUR AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY AND MARKET - from 8.30am to 1pm Venue: Old Courthouse Precinct, cnr Tallarook & High Streets, Seymour The 2011 event commences with a free Australia Day Breakfast at 9.00 am, followed by a ceremony with Ambassador Tony Beddison AO, former Australia Day Committee Chairman and current Chairman of Royal Children's Hospital, including citizenship ceremony, presentation of Australia Day Awards by local Councillors and music by Mitchell Shire Concert Band. From 8.30am - 1.00pm there is also a market running in the adjacent area which will have a range of goods and produce and displays by local community groups and emergency services. Stall enquiries ring 5796-9295. Contact: Carol Smith on 5799 1970
Friday 28th January	Rocky Passes Tapas Night from 6pm For more information: www.rockypasses.com.au
Sat 5th Feb	Rocky Passes 'Graceworks' fundraiser lunch from 12pm For more information: www.rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 12th February	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. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Candi on 5796 9366
Saturday 19th February	Stiletto Sisters performing at Rocky Passes from 5.30pm For more information: www.rockypasses.com.au Bookings: 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au

Classifieds & Community Notices

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HIGHLANDS CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE (HCRFB) BRIGADE MANAGEMENT TEAM (BMT)

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Due to the increase of information we hope to provide you may not receive a postal mail out on most announcements. You will still get the usual announcements through tgn, pagers etc... This is not replacing other forms of communication only complimenting & expanding it.

Please read the information you receive carefully as to whom you need to reply to. You will be receiving emails from different people within the BMT who use this email system to distribute information. This allows us to keep one contact data base of members minimizing the chances of you missing out.

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PH Shane 57976310

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Pale vanilla lily –
Arthropodium milleflorum

Now that the chocolate lilies are past their best, the vanilla lilies are coming out in flower. They grow in masses on roadside verges and shaded forest floors. The plants can be to 1 metre tall and have several stems with the small flowers spaced along them. The flowers are faintly tinged mauve and are supposed to smell like vanilla.



ARE YOU INCORPORATED?

NEW REQUIREMENTS NEXT YEAR

Incorporated associations take note: changes to the legislation that regulates associations, the Associations Incorporation Act, will bring significant changes to your governance requirements from December 2011. If you are a decision-maker in an incorporated association it is critical that you familiarize yourself with the new requirements. Consumer Affairs Victoria can impose serious penalties for breaches.

The changes include new duties for office holders, changes to financial reporting requirements, increased obligations for dealing with grievances and many more important matters. Make time to read a recent article on our website

www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au for a greater understanding of the change.

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A NEW COLUMN IN 2011 FOR TGN

As I slipped into Seymour for my last relaxing french clay facial for 2010, I was chatting to Meagan about all the different essential oils and herbs she uses in her facials and products.

She has very kindly offered to have a regular column next year, informing us of all the therapeutic uses of a range of oils and herbs. She did add that a 'metier' massage or treatment indulgent voucher would make an ideal Christmas gift. A voucher for \$35 gives you half an hour of heaven with a head, neck and shoulder massage. Megan also carries a 100% natural make up line 'Ere Perez' along with her own skincare product range.'

Meagan advertises on the back of TGN and if you haven't done so already, she is well worth a visit. From Miranda



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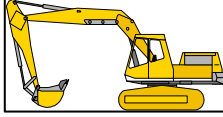
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