



RANTIN ROBIN ROCKS — NOW and THEN

In the late 1980's (I think!) Elaine White from the Yea Library rang me to ask if I'd ever heard of a place called Robin's Lookout. That must be Rantin Robin Rocks, I said. She had a couple there with a book called Glimpses of Australia, and they were on a mission to visit all the places illustrated in the book. So I took them all to Rantin Robin Rocks, driving through Maurice Bridgland's property. There we studied the picture in the book and found the exact spot where it had been taken. (Trees different, of course, but rocks don't change). Everyone happy.

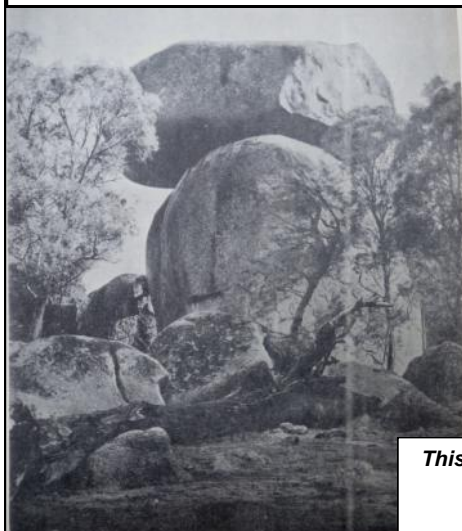
In my earlier days there used to be a falcon flying round, and I had no idea what they were. Now I'm sure they were Peregrines – no longer there I'm afraid. There was a spot on the north side of the rocks – one huge one on top of another, with bird droppings coming from the gaps. Quite inaccessible.

I don't know how Louise Currie tracked the book down, given I didn't remember its name, but she did. It was originally published in 1897 but reprinted in 1987.

It is two volumes, 776 pages with 384 full page photographs from all over Australia. I've just purchased a 2nd hand copy of the reprint. The book was published by Gordon & Gotch, one of whom was married to a lady from Ruffy, and she was in the habit of walking from Killingworth homestead to see her family at Ruffy. Thus she would have passed by the rocks. Gordon (or Gotch) was a partner in Killingworth at the time. Anyway it all seemed to fit! I think the Highlands Ramblers had better pull up their socks – I can't really imagine any of them walking from the Goulburn to Ruffy.

Maybe there were hot scones waiting for Mrs Gordon (or Gotch)!

By Peg Lade



This photograph and the text below are from the original 1897 publication "Glimpses of Australia"

Here a great peak of rock towers above the trees of the bush, and on it another mass of rock is poised in remarkable fashion, forming a huge natural monument, that in Druidical times would, no doubt, have been converted into an altar for sacrifice, and that had much awesome significance for the aborigine, who has woven round it weird legends.



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*A Season of
Saturdays 2017*

BUSH GOTHIC Saturday May 13th, 8 pm at Ruffy Hall

RuffArtZ second show in 'A Season of Saturdays' will feature the Melbourne based trio "Bush Gothic". Fresh from sold out concerts in London and 5 star reviews across the UK, the band is thrilled to be bringing their show to Ruffy as part of the Café Culture Series.

Band leader Jenny Thomas, winner of prestigious Golden Fiddle Award, was described by The Guardian as an 'Edgy rising folk star'. She has created hauntingly beautiful arrangements of Australian songs that re-tell the tales of criminal women and desperate convict men from an era of transportation, adventure and gold. Together with double bassist Dan Witton and drummer Chris Lewis, they form the most daring of Australian bush bands. Defiantly modern and achingly old, the music is rattled by the bones of convicts and steeped in campfire smoke.

Bush Gothic have received awards including Folkroots Runner-up Album of the Year 2016, and recently won Best of the Fringe Music Award at the Adelaide Fringe Festival 2017.

RuffArtZ acknowledges with appreciation the generous support of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, and the invaluable collaboration with Just Shows to Go.

For bookings please call Kym 0409 172 595
ruffartztickets@gmail.com.

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

You can get a rough estimate of the temperature by counting the number of times a cricket chirps in 15 seconds, then adding 37.
(That'll give you the temperature in Fahrenheit.)

SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

An *ultracrepidarian*
Is someone who gives opinions on something beyond his or her knowledge

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READERS' WRITES

"Good article on certainty but there is one certainty and that is that death will come to us all one day."

Carolyn Braun—Whiteheads Creek

TRADING PLACES

FREE to GOOD HOME

- * Clean plastic A4 folders x 6 Three and two hole type. Great for organising papers/recipes/projects/school work.
- * Clean jam jars with lids Various sizes. About 70.
- * Clean cardboard egg crates About 80. Including a couple of half dozen and 1.5 dozen. Tried to give them to kinder but the woman there said "no way! Some of the kids here are allergic to eggs."
- * Clean polystyrene boxes (2 - one with lid)
- * Clean unused glass tumblers still in boxes. 2 boxes of 12

Can deliver around Ruffy / Terip area or rendezvous nearby Ring Dawnstan Park

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MISSING



The combination lock from the equipment shed at the Highlands Hall has gone missing. If anyone knows its whereabouts could you please contact Judy Cameron
5796 9247.

In the mean time a padlock has been placed on the shed. If anyone needs access to the equipment just contact Judy Cameron and I'll arrange to open up for you.

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — APRIL/MAY 2017

TODAY !!

TOMORROW!



<p>Sunday 30th April 10:30 am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall</p> <p>We're off to Mt Broughton and Upper Stony Creek falls. Louise Currie will be our guide and another terrific day of roaming our fabulous countryside is on offer. Bring lunch & refreshments & strong walking shoes!</p>
<p>Monday 1st May 11:00am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNERS 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat</p> <p>Bring anything that you may be busy working on – knitting, embroidery, spinning, etc..... All Welcome Contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
<p>Saturday 6th May 9am—2pm</p>	<p>YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea</p> <p>Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry</p>
<p>Friday 12th May 6:30pm</p>	<p>'DRINKS ON THE DECK' at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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. Contact Judy 5796 9247</p>
<p>Saturday 13th May 8.00pm Doors Open 7.30pm</p>	<p>RUFFARTZ A SEASON OF SATURDAYS Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy</p> <p>"Bush Gothic" Winner of prestigious Golden Fiddle Award, Jenny Thomas, in her trio, re-tells tales of Australia's dark history with original & hauntingly beautiful arrangements of early Australian songs. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25 Please book early to ensure your seat.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For Bookings Contact Kym 0409 172 595 ruffartztickets@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 20th May 9am—1pm</p>	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</p> <p>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</p> <p>A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</p>
<p>Saturday 27th May 7:00pm</p>	<p>GOBUR CEMETRY TRUST DINNER at the Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy</p> <p>Two Course Casserole Dinner to support the work of the Gobur Cemetery Trust in restoring the historical headstones. Contact Millie 5773 4287</p> <p>\$25 per head—Music and Fun assured.</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May 9:00am— 1pm</p>	<p>NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie</p> <p>Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. Further details Contact nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au</p>
<p>Saturday 26th June 6:30pm</p>	<p>TAKE A BITE OUT OF WINTER at Highlands Hall</p> <p>Curry and Casserole night - bring a slow cooker or Casserole to share. BYO drinks. Gold coin donation. More details and an invite to come in next week's Granite News.</p>

SAVE THE DATE!