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PAULINE'S PEN is POISED & READY to PUBLISH

Primary school teacher, librarian, veterinary nurse, twenty years living at Highlands and a passion for the environment; sounds like an ideal background for Editor of the Granite News.

Pauline Roberts is all of these things and more. She has been Secretary and is now Treasurer of the Highlands/Caveat CFA, she has a long involvement with the Yea Agricultural Show and she's married to Peter who has taught at both Ruffy and Highlands primary schools. Her sense of adventure took her overland from Kathmandu to London in her early years and she still loves to travel, especially if it involves textiles or patchwork exhibitions, shows & workshops.

Pauline will publish her first issue of the Granite News on Sunday January 21st 2018 and she's looking forward to your contributions and continued readership.

By Don Cook



*Pauline Roberts— Editor,
The Granite News*



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The Granite News will be back from Sunday 21st January 2018



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*Stuart's gone deep & meaningful
but Miranda's hanging loose!*

'DRINKS on the DECK' OVERFLOWS

If you want to entice a stack of people to a Friday evening function at this time of year, you'll need to have a pretty good hook. The 'Highlands Hook' was pretty simple: come along to a free barbeque, bring your own drinks, catch up with old friends and introduce yourself to some of our more recent arrivals. More than 80 people descended on the Highlands Hall to share in a terrific end-of-year get together.

Visitors passing through any of our Tablelands villages get the impression that there's not much going on.

But as we all know, you've only



*They're damn fine sausages ..
Thanks Les!*

got to scratch the surface and you'll discover a community brimming with vibrant activity, and it was certainly on display at Highlands on Friday 8th December. At countless functions I've noted a common theme....it's about how supportive Tablelands communities are to each other, and how welcoming and inclusive we are to newcomers. The Highlands community exemplifies this with its deep diversity of talents & interests, be they artistic, agricultural, building, earthmoving, education or simply the pursuit of an enriching rural lifestyle.....everyone feels like they belong.

By Don Cook

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

GOULBURN VALLEY GYPSIES GET OFF ROAD at RUFFY REC RESERVE

The Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia has 107 chapters, with about 68,000 members. The 'Goulburn Valley Gypsies' chapter of the CMCA held their Christmas break-up weekend at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve on Dec 1st—Dec 3rd.

Even though the weather was somewhat disagreeable, the weekend was a huge success.

The rain was merely an inconvenience, which at least kept the dust down!

The evening meal was catered by the Ruffy Recreation Reserve Committee.

The quality of the decor, food and the service provided by Pam, Marj and others was excellent. Although many and varied venues are available, it was unanimously agreed that this would be the ideal place for the GVG's 2018 Christmas break-up.

By Jan Sporry



The Ruffy Rec Reserve Pavilion was the ideal venue for the GV Gypsies' AGM



READERS' WRITES

"While I agree with Stuart's statement that 'critical education encourages people to be sceptical of the status quo by..analysing society with a view to changing it into a more just and creative one,' and 'to create a civilization worth saving' which is admirable, I believe it is possible to achieve this; let me share a few thoughts that I hope will be an encouragement to us all.

True education is one based on a love for God and brings with it a reverence for His word. Understanding the true science of education, will help us find a higher place of learning that will equip us for the higher life above, which is what we are here for. Yes, education can be lacking and even detrimental to our learning if it is not focussed toward a saving knowledge for the individual.

The power of role models in ours and our children's lives are very important. More than just imparting knowledge of books to a student, the teacher's position is to guide and instruct and to mould the mind and character. You want those teachers who can be trusted; who are sound in faith, those who love children and older students alike and desire their best good. They need to win confidence and respect and be what they wish for their students to become.

In the Finnish model education is free and available to every child there. 11 to 12% of their state and municipal budgets are spent on education. Children start school in the fall of the year they turn 7. This gives the children more time to play, mature, use their imagination, and develop secure attachment with their parents before they go to school. Free hot lunches are part of the curriculum and some offer healthy, organic lunches. Teachers are qualified, respected, and trusted professionals. Their selected methods of instruction depend on their assessment of the student's needs. They support balanced growth and development for the students and have shorter school days with recess outside in all weather regardless of rain, shine or snow. Special support is provided to students as needed. All students have free health and dental care. Perhaps this successful model academically wise could be taken and also improved further by preparing a generation for 'the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.'

A wise person will listen and add to their learning." **Janet Taylor — Highlands**

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — DECEMBER 2017 & JAN 2018

TODAY !!

Sunday 17th
December
10:00am

HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE at the Highlands Fire Shed

Tuesday 19th
December
7:30pm

Essential Pre-Season Training for all Members

For further details please Contact Les Lawson 0448 269261 or 5796 9265



Tuesday 19th
December
5:00pm

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

at the Ruffy Hall

The Strathbogrie Shire will be conducting their formal monthly meeting from 4pm. The Community is invited to share food & drinks from 5pm followed by an open meeting session.
Everybody is Welcome to attend.

Wednesday
20th
December
Twilight
4pm—8pm

NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET Tahbilk Winery 10 Cottage Lane, Nagambie

Produce that will be available at the market include beef, lamb, pork, chicken, honey, vegetables, fruit, mushrooms, bread, wine, beer, cider, olive oil, cakes, biscuits, sauces, spreads, plants, herbs and much more.

For further details contact Cynthia Lim 0403 831 520 nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au

Sunday 24th
December
Christmas Eve
5:30pm

CAROLS at CAVEAT at the Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd

Come and celebrate Christmas with the community by singing along or just humming harmoniously. Everybody Welcome.

Family, Friends & Children encouraged. **Contact Susan Bennett 5790 4333**



Friday 12th
January
6:30pm

DRINKS ON THE DECK

at Highlands Community Hall

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



Saturday 13th
January
10:00am

TERIP SOCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT at the Terip Recreation Reserve

The annual tournament is on again and all are Welcome

Contact Cindy 0429 772 011 or Frances 0427 904 262 for further details



HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

A big thank you to Andrew Shaw & Louise Currie for leading our Ramblers Walks this year, and thanks to everyone for coming along and making the walks so enjoyable. We are having a break during the hot weather and will resume our walks again in the new year.

Sunday 25th March is the date of our first Ramblers Walk for 2018.



Highlands / Caveat CFA

We're trying to compile an updated listing of the Highlands/Caveat community.

If you would like to keep informed of any meetings, events, notices, etc. could you please provide your email address & phone number (landline and/or mobile) to

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