



PEOPLE AND PLACES

The story of two worthy pioneers - Lars William Weibye and wife, Ann Weibye of Euroa, Victoria

The good ship "Gambier", a sailing vessel, left Liverpool, England, one day in 1854, the beginning of a 4 month long journey to the new Colony of Australia. On board to seek a better life, having heard tales of the great gold fines there, were the young Sumner Family, father Robert, mother Isabella and two small daughters. Jane and Ann. Jane was about 5 and Anne about 3 years old. All were tearfully saying farewell to grand parents, friends and other relatives who were sad to see them going to a distant new and unknown land.

The ship was overloaded, the food proved indigestible and unpalatable, and unsuitable for small children; sanitary arrangements were crude, and all sorts and conditions of passengers were herded together.

The gentle Isabella tried to make the best of it and comfort her two small children. Eventually the ship passed safely through the Rip and arrived at the Melbourne Pier. With mixed feelings the family prepared to disembark. What a joy to find some friends who had previously emigrated, Tom and Mary Parker, waiting to greet them. The small stone cottage in Raglan Street could not accommodate the newcomers so they had to get one of the tents the Government made available for new arrivals. This was a sad blow to Isabella who had been used to a comfortable home in England. Robert soon found work quarrying stone near Footscray. It is believed that he helped to build some of the old bluestone buildings in Melbourne. In due course the tales of gold to be won at Bendigo and Ballarat lured him away in search of an easier way of life but he soon returned thoroughly disillusioned. In the meantime, Isabella and the little girls had a very hard time living in the tent town of Melbourne, and by now Isabella had another child, Thomas.

Jane and Ann were sent to various schools, one at Cumow St., North Melbourne, run by an old lady, and another at St. James Cathedral across a paddock now known as Flagstaff Gardens. The little girls were good scholars. Robert, the father, went on quarrying but in 1858 when Ann was 7 years old the gentle loving mother Isabella died. This heralded in very sad times for the family. Robert could not cope so Jane went to a friend, Mrs. Parker,

Little Thomas 18 months old, was adopted by people in Werribee and later at the age of 9, believed to have met a very sad end by drowning in the Werribee River (Moorabool River).

Some years later the two girls were old enough to go to a hostel near Euroa to work. They were quite well educated for those days. Jane met and married John Barton, who had a drayage business and a selection at Castle Creek, and Ann later met and married one Lars William Weibye, a ship's carpenter who had come from Denmark. Lars was born in what was then Elsinore, Denmark in 1834. He was helping John Barton in his drayage (carrying business) when he met Ann Sumner (born 17.8.1851 in Liverpool) and they were married in St Mary's Church of England. Melbourne, on 17.4.1873.

It was then that the battle began to get a selection 5 miles from Euroa and start farming. It seems their first holding was 8A (3) approximately 112(?) acres, price £112.0.0 and 8A (2) and 9A (2) approximately 114 acres were applied for later. It was very hard as a carpenter and they built their own home of 5 rooms and a kitchen, comprised of brick, shingles and slabs and bark. He was also employed by other selectors to build their homes and gathered bark to supplement the building materials he required. A lot of his land was rocky, crops were not profitable after thrashing and reaping so it became dairy and grazing land, and an everlasting battle to gain and pay off leases and get a grant in due course which made the land freehold.

Ann was a very loving, capable wife and mother, and in due course had a family, Christiana born 1875, Mary Isabella born 1877, Thomas William born 1879 and Lewis Sumner born 1881. Then fate struck a cruel blow in 1882. While husband Lars was away from home, having left on 15 August, 1882, to go to strip bark for his building activities in the paddock of a farmer at Bungeet, about 15 miles north of Benalla, and set up tent there, he became quite ill on 18 August. He asked the owner of the paddock to get him what was regarded as the "cure-all" of those days, a dose of castor oil, which the owner supplied.

By Sunday, 20 August Lars seemed much worse and asked to be taken to Benalla to see the doctor. He was placed on a wagonette for the journey and seemed to be in great pain but never spoke. He died on route at Goorambat.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 1

Welcome back to our first edition for 2012. I hope everyone has had a relaxing January and is reenergised for the days ahead.

This is the 6th year of The Granite News and once again we would like to thank Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority for their ongoing financial support.

I would also like to thank all those businesses who have taken a space on the back of the newsletter, and to thank the family who have anonymously donated \$500 to TGN .

Please send any news to me at mirandayorston@bigpond.com or ring 57969261.

I strongly urge you to receive this newsletter by email if possible to ensure that you can read it early in the week. Just go to www.highlands.org.au and subscribe, it's that easy!

Fire restrictions are NOW in force.

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

Time is catching up for artists to register their Exhibition (2nd to 4th March) entries. We would like them in to the Registrar by Feb. 6th. Let us know if you are going to be late. Those artists needing entry forms should contact Stuart Reid 5796 9358 or kadumbla@mac.com.

An inquest was held in Benalla and the verdict was given as death from pneumonia followed by asphyxia when he was being conveyed to the doctor accompanied by a younger man, James Hartley. Lars had had previous bouts of pleurisy, which in tent life in the cold winters outdoors trying to do extra work to pay off his leases and support his family had no doubt undermined his health.

It was a tragic day when Ann, his wife (pregnant at the time with another child) had to go on a horseback to Benalla to identify her husband lying dead at the Royal Hotel premises. She was a brave and hard working woman and returned to the Castle Creek home at Euroa to battle the everlasting struggle to bring up her young. Thanks to Mark Radford who sent this in from the State Library archives.

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2012

Week beg 12th Feb	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK David Freeman Ralph Provan
Week beg 12th Feb	RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER 3rd Lieutenant George Noye (Ph) 57 904 246 (Mob) 0432 928 301 (UHF Ch) 15
Week beg 13th Feb	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Alec & Marion Rowan Brad Kellett & Kate Wright Around clubhouse and all four courts
Friday 10th February	'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.
Saturday 11th 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 Caro Morris and Mark South, at 95 Elliotts Rd, between Broadford and Tyaak. Caro and Mark will give a tour of their strawbale house and gardens. Take the Flowerdale Rd out of Broadford. Elliotts Rd is about 5km out of Broadford, on the left. 95 Elliotts Rd is about 1km along Elliotts Rd, on the left, straight after Raninbury Riding Ponies. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Caro on 5784 1177 for more information.
11th & 12th February	Euroa Community Cinema. "War Horse" – the movie everyone is talking about. 146 mins PG Drama / Action / Adventure 4 stars Based on the highly successful stage play by the same name, "War Horse" has been brought to life on the screen by Stephen Spielberg. Set in England during the First World War the film captures the unique relationship between a horse named Joey and young man who tames and trains this remarkable animal. Joey is taken forcibly for the war effort and the movie traces his story throughout this turbulent time and all the people he encounters along the way.
Sunday 12th Feb—18th March	Annual art exhibition of Wildlife paintings and Sculpture.2012 WildArt @ Old Post Office Seymour Opening 11am to 4pm Exhibition continues: Wed to Sun 11am to 4pm & Wed to Sat from 6pm til late until 18th March. Free entry.50 Emily St (Old Hume Hwy) Seymour. (03)5792-3170 www.artseymour.com.au
13 February, 20 February, 27 February, 5 March 2012 (Mondays)	INTEGRATED BEEF HEALTH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP TIME: 9.00 am – 3.30 pm (each day) WHERE: Yea Council Chambers, the Semi-circle, Yea (near Yea Library) During the workshop participants develop skills to enable them to understand and overcome threats associated with poor disease management issues. They also learn how to address issues associated with poor nutrition, as well as develop and apply risk management strategies to offset these animal health issues. The four-day program offered by Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) will be run by Dr Rod Manning from Mike Stevens & Associates (and facilitated by DPI Beef Extension Officer, Alison Desmond). email (juncball@bigpond.com) or ring on 57 972 563.
Thursday 16th February	Ruffy Community Action Group – Meeting at Ruffy Hall, 8.00 pm. The main topic for discussion at this meeting will be the Draft Streetscape Plan for Ruffy. Sam Strong will introduce the draft plan and explain the considerations that led to its recommendations. Please come to the meeting and take the opportunity to provide inputs for the finalisation of the plan.
Friday 17th February	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH:5772 0349 17 Storytime for 3 – 5's stories, fun, activities & songs 11am – 12noon
Sunday 19th February	Euroa Arboretum and the Strathbogie Euroa Angling Club Proudly Presents: Fishing clinic day for families between 10am – 3pm. We aim to promote safe fish handling, catch and release and fish identification – particularly as the local Sevens and Hughes Creek have populations of the endangered Trout Cod and Macquarie Perch. Bring the family and learn how to: Cast a line, tie fishing knots, what bait to use and when to use a lure. Try your hand at fly fishing Make some great fish art, try a fish origami, or help with our fish mosaic. A simple BBQ lunch will be provided. Bring : Your own rod, hat and sunscreen. RSVP: Cathy Olive, 0429 127 399 for catering purposes
Thursday 23rd February	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH:5772 0349 17 Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome 10am
24, 25 and 26 February	Euroa Community Cinema. "The Muppets" – how can you go past a great family movie like this! 104 mins PG Family Fun It is hardly necessary to write anything about the Muppets. Thankfully someone decided this group of zany characters was worth bringing back to the screen. All the regulars are featured ~ Miss Piggy, Kermit, Fozzie, Gonzo ~ the list goes on.
Tuesday 28th February	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! PH:5772 0349 17 Blokes Night – laid back drinks and a yarn with mates 6.30 – 8pm
Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March	HiArts Art Exhibition & Family Festival Art for viewing and sale; meet our artists in residence; engage with our poets; children's activities; excellent food, wine, coffee and tea. Weekend pass \$10 per person, children under 16 free. Gala Opening Friday 2nd at 7.30pm, finger food, drinks and preview, \$15 per person (incl. weekend pass), registration by 27th Feb. essential.

Classifieds & Community Notices

TRIVIA TABLE/S - ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Each year Cheryl O'Halloran stages a fundraising Trivia Night in Yea to benefit the Royal Children's Hospital. The tentative date is Saturday 24th March. Anyone who would like to be part of a Highlands / Caveat table, please call Leanne Pleash on 5796 9200. There's usually 10 people per table @ \$10 / \$12 per head. BYO drinks and nibbles. On a related note, I know Cheryl is looking for a handful of good quality items to auction so if anyone has something that they think would be appropriate and would like to offer for this section of the evening, please call Cheryl directly on 5797 2805. Thanks.

BOOK REVIEW

Warriors of Alavna & Warriors of Camlann – N.M.Browne

Time shift books are definitely in vogue at the moment, but some authors write this genre better than others. N.M. Browne is one of these. Both of these titles deal with the same main characters – Ursula and Dan - who find themselves transported from the present day back to Roman Britain and King Arthur's Britain respectively. The narrative is lively and believable and the strength of the characters is the highlight of the books. No doubt there will be a third title soon.

By Pauline Roberts

THANK YOU

A special thank you from Andrew Shaw to all the people who turned out for his fire last week, it was much appreciated.

MANAGING STRESS

Manage your stress better this year it's not just about avoiding tricky situations. It's also about investing time in doing the things you love. Perhaps it's a walk in the park, seeing a frivolous film or going to the beach. Beyond blue has some great facts sheets about managing a balanced lifestyle: http://www.beyondblue.org.au/index.aspx?link_id=90.621&print=true
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EUCAS accreditation for YEASALEYARDS

The Yea Saleyard Complex has become the twelfth saleyard in Victoria to be successful in its European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS) application, enabling beef from cattle sold in Yea to be exported to the European Union.

The EUCAS is a national animal production scheme that guarantees full traceability of all animals through the NLIS, linking individual animal identification to a central database. EUCAS allows Australia to meet the European Union market requirements for beef by segregating cattle that have never been treated with hormonal growth promotants at any time. Further information: <http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/export/meat/elmer-3/eucas>

CAVEAT RABBIT CONTROL PROGRAMME

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in conjunction is currently conducting a rabbit compliance program in the Caveat area.

Rabbits are a declared pest animal in the Goulburn Broken Catchment and DPI Pest Management Officers will be inspecting all properties within the Caveat rabbit control program area over the next month and preparing written requests to control rabbits, where required.

Re-inspections of properties issued with a Notice will occur in May 2012. The Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (CaLP Act) states that land managers must take all reasonable steps to prevent the spread, and as far as practicable, eradicate established pest animals on their property.

The program comprises of over sixty properties and is an extension of the successful compliance program conducted in the Highlands, Dropmore.

For any queries or further assistance, please contact Jaye Caldwell at DPI Echuca Office on 03 5482 1922.

HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA

will be holding a level 2 First aid course in the new brigade training facility. Saturday 31st March. Cost will be \$120 per person. Any interested community members should ring Pauline to register their interest by Friday 10th February, at the latest, on 57969301, brigade members will be subsidised by 50%.

WORKING BEE AT HIGHLANDS HALL

There will be a working bee at the hall on Saturday 25th February between 9am & 12noon to spruce up the hall & grounds before the HiArts Exhibition the following weekend. Jobs include weeding, mowing, brushcutting, pruning & cleaning. Bring appropriate tools & lend a hand. A BBQ lunch of 'Habbies Howe' sausages etc. will follow. Come along & join in the fun.

TERIP TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The club held a very successful tournament on January 8. Almost 40 players turned out despite the wet conditions and after twice clearing the courts of water, the day dried and play ran smoothly with a lot of laughs and great tennis to watch. A big thank you to all those who assisted on the day.

Winners Men Section 1

Winner - Paul Kaczmarek (Benalla)

Runners Up - Peter Wallis (Terip/Melb) & David Penny (Broadford)

Ladies Section 1

Winner - Kirsten Audhem (Broadford)
Runner Up - Jess South (Benalla)

Mens Section 2

Winner - Jarrod McCrum (Albury)
Runner Up - Michael Kelly (Euroa)

Ladies Section 2

Winner - Dot McGuinness (Broadford)
Runner Up - Sally Kubeil (Ruffly)

Junior Boys

Winner - Matthew Lawrence (Terip)
Runner Up - Robert Lawrence (Terip)

Junior Girls

Winner - Kendall Richards (Terip)

FOX AND WILD DOG COLLECTION SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2012

It has been recorded that over 10,000 fox scalps have been handed in over the 11 weeks since the fox bounty had been introduced. To get involved please visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au for further information.

Next round of collection points will be open as follows:

Benalla: Wednesday 22nd February 10:30-12:30 FOX ONLY
Broadford: Thursday 23rd February 10:30-12:30 FOX ONLY
Mansfield: Wednesday 22nd February 2:30-4:30 FOX AND WILD DOG
For terms and conditions please visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au

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