



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Bunk Beds for Burmese Orphans

Joy Purcell, from Yea, visited Burma with Jenny Webb in 2010 and 2011. One of the children's homes she visited was struggling to accommodate the ever increasing number of children needing care. Some of these children are 'war orphans' from conflict zones in the country, others are from the delta area which was devastated by Cyclone Nargis in 2008.

The 200 children at the home are housed in three dormitories, sharing a long wooden platform to sleep each night. Joy was so touched by their situation that she is raising money to build bunk beds for the children, to ease the crowded sleeping conditions and to give them 'a space' of their own.

With the support of GraceWorks Myanmar and the Yea Rotary Club, Joy is running a raffle to finish the bunk bed project which she began last year. Raffle tickets are available from the Highlands Primary School, \$2.00 ea or 3 for \$5.00. Joy is aiming to raise \$3000 and has a beautiful 'ABC' quilt made by Yea UFO Club as first prize, a horse-shoe garden table made by Daryl Callander as second prize and a basket of Lanocrema Skin Care products as third prize. Fourth prize is a hand-woven Burmese Longyi, a traditional garment worn by both men and women in Burma. It will be drawn on the 28/3/12 at 2pm at the Pioneer reserve, Yea.

Highlands PS has a very special relationship with this orphanage. For the last 5 years, the students have sent books, videos and letters to the Burmese children and the home has been visited by Highlands teachers. Your support will be much appreciated. For further information please see the GraceWorks website, [www.graceworksmyanmar.org.au](http://www.graceworksmyanmar.org.au) or phone Jenny Webb, 5796 9236.



## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Lachie:** For an outstanding speech for Sports Captain and for taking his responsibilities very seriously. Well done!

### Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains: Walter and Hayley  
JSC President: Kaylam  
Sports Captain: Lachie  
Vice Sports Captain: John  
Arts & Publicity Captain: Kendall

The Junior School Council comprises of elected students from each year level. Grade 1- Bridie, Gr 2- Emily, Gr 3- Tobias, Gr 4 James, Gr 5- Kendall, Gr 6- Declan.



Our two new school captains, Hayley and Walter, well done.

## SAVE THE DATE

Highlands Primary School  
Major Fund Raiser  
**BUSH DANCE**  
**AT HABBIES HOWE,**  
**DROPMORE ROAD, HIGHLANDS**  
Saturday 21st April 6.30pm  
We would love all the community to be there for a really fun night  
More details in next week's  
The Granite News

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 3

Please send any news to me at [mirandayorston@bigpond.com](mailto:mirandayorston@bigpond.com) or ring 57969261.

Advertisement space has almost gone. Only \$250 for an advertisement until the end of the year, excellent value.

## Fire restrictions are NOW in force.

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### Large-leaf Bush-pea *Pultenaea daphnoides*

This attractive shrub is one of those that has been planted between the red bottlebrushes that replaced the pines in front of the Highlands hall. It grows locally around Ruffy and Creightons Creek though I haven't seen it around Highlands. It can grow to 2 or 3 metres and has clusters of red-centred yellow pea flowers at the end of branches.



## DANTE'S GHOST

Welcome to the inaugural posting on Dante's Ghost.

Dante's Ghost aims to explore the poetic medium as a vehicle of philosophical and experiential insight by offering interpretive renditions of the works of both known and unknown poets.

It has been understood since Homeric times that the experience of poetry is best had in the hearing. With this in mind, Dante's Ghost presents audio interpretations of poetic pieces that I have enjoyed and found personally meaningful.

We begin with Part I of "The Pearl" written by the great seer and protector of his people, Ephraim of Syria during the fourth century CE. This can be accessed at: <http://thehealingprojectweb-cast.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/ephraim-of-syria-pearl-part-i.html>

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2012

Week beg 26th Feb	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOT RFB TRUCK</b> Barry Roworth John Dalziel
Week beg 26th Feb	<b>RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER</b> 1st Lieutenant David Sleigh (Ph) 57 904 301 (Mob) 0429 904 301
Week beg 26th Feb	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster</i> Geoff & Jan Penny Mark Ireland <span style="float: right;">Carpark and all four courts</span>
Thursday 23rd February	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! PH:5772 0349 17 Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome 10am
Thursday 23rd February	<b>Secret Men's Business</b> is running again this year on the last Thursday of each month. We encourage everyone to attend this community gathering for a BBQ. All are welcomed BYO
Friday 24th February	<b>Tapas night at Rocky Passes</b> from 6pm. Please call 57969366 or email <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a> for bookings.
24, 25 and 26 February	<b>Euroa Community Cinema.</b> "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. Doors open at 6pm
Saturday 25th February	<b>HIGHLANDS HALL</b> There will be a working bee at the hall 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.
Tuesday 28th February	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! PH:5772 0349 17 Blokes Night – laid back drinks and a yarn with mates 6.30 – 8pm
28th Feb – 2nd March	<b>"For Tibet with Love"</b> tour information . They will be at the Alexandra Town Hall during the day from 9am – 4.30pm Also there is an evening performance on Thursday 1st March from 7 8.30pm. This will be a real highlight for the event and it would be great to see lots of people here at this.
Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March	<b>HiArts Art Exhibition &amp; Family Festival</b> 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.
Saturday 3rd March– 1st April	In conjunction with High Arts, <b>Dennis Spiteri</b> will be exhibiting his 'Helios' series of paintings and pastel drawings at his Hillcrest Studio/Gallery in Old Highlands Road. The gallery will be open from 10am to 5pm on the weekend of 3rd-4th March. The exhibition will continue until 1st April and can be seen by appointment during this time. Phone 57969373.
3rd & 4th March	<b>Euroa Community Cinema</b> "Women on the 6th Floor" 106 mins PG Drama / Comedy 4 stars. It is Paris in 1960, where the existence of Jean-Louis, a man totally absorbed by his work but living comfortably with his neurotic socialite wife, is turned upside down.
Saturday 3rd March	The next <b>Yea Country Market</b> occurs every 1st Saturday of each month – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. Enquiries about the market can be directed to 0409 130 587 or <a href="mailto:yeamarket@gmail.com">yeamarket@gmail.com</a> .
Sunday 4th March	11.00 am There will be a <b>bike ride</b> from Cheviot Tunnel to Frog Ponds Rd (and back again). Cath Olive will be with us to show us what flora (indigenous and exotic) grows along the trail. We may even stop at Cheviot Station (where I am told the old weighing station still stands) for a coffee. If you haven't been down this section of the rail trail and would like to see it and learn something about the flora along its way, bring your bike and join us! Anyone is welcome to come. BYO bike. RSVP: Judy Brookes 57 972 563 or <a href="mailto:juncball@bigpond.com">juncball@bigpond.com</a>
Monday 5th March	<b>CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY</b> Pete Roberts is organising a Clean Up Highlands Day. Students will walk along the Yea Ghin Ghin Road towards Granite Hills Road and collect rubbish as they go. Pete would love to hear from any community members who could assist on the day with walking or driving cars as a road patrol to ensure everyone is safe. Please ring him at HPS on Wednesday or Thursday on 57969208
March 6th - April 1st	All New Art Exhibition by Yea artist <b>Meg Heres</b> @ Mitchelton Winery Cellar Door Gallery Nagambie Open 7 Days 10am -5pm Free admittance 03 5736 2221 Artist 04 0034 0279
Friday 9th March	<b>'Drinks on the Deck'</b> 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.
Monday 12th March	<b>Labour Day Bush Market in Goulburn Park</b> , Seymour 9.00 am til 3.00 pm. Great Duck Race, Carnival activities, Musical and dance entertainment, Food and drink stalls, Books, clothes, plants, bric a brac, hardware and lots more. Gate entry \$2, Under 16 Free Site bookings: Betty: 5796-9295 Another community project of Seymour –Goulburn Lions Club and Seymour Apex Club
28th-30th March	<b>SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEP DOG TRIALS</b> - from 8am to 6pm Venue: King's Park, Tallarook Street, Seymour Test of man and dog working as one with skill and patience through a series of obstacles. Dogs drive a group of three sheep through the course. Trials cater for inexperienced to experienced dogs and workers. Further info: ph 5792 1089 Web: <a href="http://www.vwsda.org">www.vwsda.org</a>



## Classifieds & Community Notices

### TASHI LHUNPO MONKS TO VISIT ALEXANDRA

The Tashi Lhunpo Monks of Tibet are masters of Tibetan Buddhist tantric ritual and their lives are dedicated to practicing tantric ideals. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks living in exile in India have regularly participated in tours of Australia with well-known Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal. They offer a cultural program of traditional Tibetan creative arts including Sand Mandala creation, Harmonic Chanting, Tibetan Singing, Cultural Workshops, Guided Meditations and the "For Tibet With Love" Concert.

Tour programs aim to share some of the most distinctive aspects of Tibetan culture with the people of Australia and promote the common human values of kindness and compassion through cross cultural connections.

The For Tibet With Love Australian Tour raises funds for the education of Tibetan Children as well as supporting the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery. This is a unique opportunity to experience the gift of beautiful music and unique culture while at the same time providing valuable humanitarian assistance.

Tashi Lhunpo Monastery was founded in Tibet by His Holiness the 1st Dalai Lama, Gyalwa Gendun Drup, in 1447. It was one of four great monasteries of Central Tibet overseen by the Dalai Lamas and Panchen Lamas and has produced thousands of renowned scholars in the field of Mahayana Buddhist Philosophy.

After the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959, Tashi Lhunpo Monastery was re-established at Bylakuppe in South India in 1972. The monastery accommodates monks from Tibet and Himalayan regions such as Spithi, Khunu, Ladakh, Ghashar and Sangkhar. At present there are over 250 monks including many Tulkus (reincarnate lamas).

The monks follow an intensive program of study including sutra, tantra and debate, and are instructed in the creation of sand mandalas and butter sculpture, ritual performance, music, chanting, dance and basic literacy skills in Tibetan and English. Each monk must also complete a two to three month meditation retreat for each of the principal deities and protectors, in order to qualify to perform their rituals. The cycle of retreats can take up to six years to complete.

For Tibet With Love Concert: The concert includes chanting and monastic dance by the monks accompanied by traditional instruments, followed by a performance by singer-songwriter Tenzin Choegyal.

### TEACHER AIDE POSITION AT HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Contract- 5th March – 21st December 2012 15.2 hours per week

Applications via <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/vacs/advacssch.htm>

Search for Job Vacancy number: 787275 Contact Meagan Callander for more information On 57969208

### FOX AND RABBIT BAITING

The Month of March is a good time to think about baiting pest animals such as foxes and rabbits. Baiting will not only target the adult foxes, but also their young as they are usually active from their dens at this time.

Wales Rural in Seymour can supply baits such as DeFox and Fox Off (you may need to order as they are not usually kept in stock) and the signs associated with baiting.

Pindone bait for rabbits is also available 5Kg approx cost \$80.

Wales Rural can be contacted on 03 5792 1088 or email [wayne@crtseymour.com.au](mailto:wayne@crtseymour.com.au).

You will need a permit to be able to purchase any bait that contains 1080, and signs and notification to neighboring properties is required.

The Euroa community centre is running a 2 day farm chemical users course in early march (depending on numbers). Please contact the ECEC on 03 5795 2777 or email [info@ecec.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@ecec.vic.edu.au) for details.

### HCCC SPRAY UNITS

Ruffy— Don Cook  
Habbies Howe— Scott McKay (900 Lt),  
Tarcombe— Rob Hayes (450 Lt)  
Michael Kopanica (600Lt)

### THANKS TO THE GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR HELPING TO FUND THIS NEWSLETTER

### STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Strathbogrie Shire 2012 Community Training Calendar has officially been released!

This series of relaxed, free workshops starts in March 2012 with the first topic being Sustainable Funding Strategies for Community Groups, which is all about developing a range of income sources so groups don't have to feel so grant-dependent.

The workshop series is designed to support the work of community groups and people wanting to get more involved in community building.

It include the following topics; Event Planning & Management, Grant Writing, Legal Liabilities for Committee Members, How to Not Have Boring Meetings, Strategic Planning, Succession Planning, Staying Safe and Managing Risk, Balancing the Books.

The full calendar can be downloaded from the Shire website (through the Community Development Hub button at the bottom of the home page)

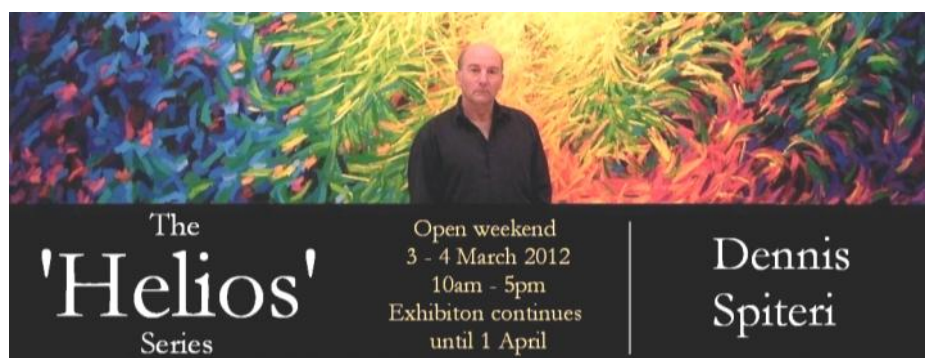
[www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au) or you can request a mailed copy be mailed by calling the Community Development Coordinator, Liz Scarfe, on 5795 0161 or via email [info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au)

### BOOK REVIEW

#### I, Coriander – Sally Gardner

An intriguing read that blends fantasy and the harsh realities of Oliver Cromwell's rule of England together giving an insight into the religious fanatics that governed Britain between Charles I and Charles II. Coriander, as the daughter of well-off and loving parents, is happily unaware of the political situation brewing until tragedy strikes her family and she comes under the influence of two decidedly evil and dangerous Puritans. Gardner does a great job of creating palpable fear as well as blurring the edges between what is real and what is fantastic.

By Pauline Roberts



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