



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Highlands V Ruffy

Hume and Hovell
Saturday 18th February 2012

You would think a magnificent unbeaten 87 by local boy Hamish McAlpin would be the talking point of the game. He was almost outshone by Gerry Ginevan's near perfect final over before conceding the winning run with only a ball to spare. He was certainly upstaged by Freddie Haig's catch, which was preceded by more circle work than the Deni Ute muster followed by a dive that an Italian soccer player would have been proud of as he fell to the ground clutching the ball like a \$100 bill. However they were all overshadowed by the statuesque fielding of the man without a cruciate ligament (post or anterior) on either leg, who emitted groans as he toppled sideways like an eastern bloc dictator's statue to field or his growls as he fell forward in his follow through as he delivered each ball of his 5 over spell. There is no doubt that Grunta the "Highlands death bowler" makes us all feel a little better about ourselves.

Ruffy got away to a flyer in the first innings scoring 128 from the first 20 overs while only losing 2 wickets. Highlands replied with 138 for 4 with Jono scoring what was to be a most important 1 before the lunch break. After some much needed fluid replacement the Highlands bowlers toiled manfully to restrict Ruffy to an imposing 10- 252. Highlands were amazed with how youthful David Sleigh was when he came to the crease only to find they had been embroiled in the biggest case of substitution since Fine Cotton with young Harry suddenly wielding the willow.

The McCooeys got the Highlands second innings away to steady start before a rush of blood to the head saw young Tom and the Older Jim depart making way for Alan the quietly spoken Jarrot, James the Pommy ringer, Hamish the Hometown Hero and James the Sharma from Fassifern to

compile 4 match winning partnerships, which saw the Highlands triumph over a brave and gallant Ruffy with only one ball to spare

A late protest from Ruffy about the scorebook not adding up was dismissed on the precedent that it never has. In keeping with tradition at the time of writing the score book has gone missing (edit note: turned up at Slugga's, who has run it through a couple of large excel spread sheets and he still can't get it to add up to the same figure twice).

In keeping with our elite sporting attitudes, following the game we immediately went into an onerous recovery session, which was carried on well into the evening, although the stress of captaincy saw the Highlands captain unable to complete the last session.

Another great day at Hume and Hovell, which had the capacity crowd of four in Bay 13 in full voice, which was all the more amusing because we didn't know who they were but their sledging was world class.

Thanks also to Andrew Shaw for umpiring and crowd control and to Doug Mclean for piloting the craft back up the hill it was much appreciated by all.

The next game is at Beechworth versus The Riverine Club on Saturday March 24th, details will be in the Granite News in the next couple of weeks.

By Scott McKay



WELCOME TO ISSUE 4

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

TWO SPOTS LEFT ON THE BACK PAGE \$250 FOR THE YEAR

Here is a new on line publication edited by Monica Attard with photos by Mike Bowers. There is no advertising in The Global Mail . Here is the link www.theglobalmail.org

It is an interesting model for the media. Thanks to Candi Westney for sending it in.

If you wish to change your email address for The Granite news or to subscribe or unsubscribe you no longer need to send it to me. Just go to www.highlands.org and you can easily do it yourself.

Thank you to those generous people who have sent in anonymous donations to ensure the future of The Granite News, it is very generous of you. Thank you to George who has taken a spot even though he's not sure what to do with it just yet!

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Declan: For his terrific effort at the Swimming Sports- two 1sts and

SAVE THE DATE

Highlands Primary School
Major Fund Raiser
**WOOLSHED 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.
There will be a BBQ dinner and live music. Bring some friends and book a table. Contact Robyn Richards 57904303 to make your booking.



COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MARCH /APRIL 2012

Week beg 4th March	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Richard Waugh Roger Broome
Week beg 4th March	RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER 2nd Lieutenant John Furlanetto (Ph) 57 953 435 (Mob) 0427 344 956
Week beg 4 March	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster</i> <i>Jim & Jill Davidson Ken & Robyn Richards Around clubhouse and all four courts</i>
28th Feb – 2nd March	“For Tibet with Love“ 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	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. week-end pass), registration by 27th Feb. essential.
Saturday 3rd March– 1st April	In conjunction with High Arts, Dennis Spiteri 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	Euroa Community Cinema “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 Yea Country Market 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 yeamarket@gmail.com .
Sunday 4th March	11.00 am There will be a bike ride 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 juncball@bigpond.com
Monday 5th March	CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 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 Meg Heres @ Mitchelton Winery Cellar Door Gallery Nagambie Open 7 Days 10am -5pm Free admittance 03 5736 2221 Artist 04 0034 0279
Friday 9th March	'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.
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Bush Market in Goulburn Park , 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
Thursday 16th March	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE MEETING at 7.30pm at the Rec Reserve. We'll be having a quick meeting to decide upon the schedule of events at the Rec Reserve for 2012. All welcome. Please contact Andrew Holloway on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com for more information.
28th-30th March	SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEP DOG TRIALS - 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: www.vwsda.org
Sunday 1st April	Don't falter or forget: the Yea Wetlands Committee invites you to a fabulous family and friends fun function. Focus of the day is freshwater fishing, fun as you throw a frisbee, frolic in the fields of the Wetlands or feed your face with food. Whilst feeding your famished stomach with fresh french bread, succulent roasts followed by flapjacks topped with fresh fruit and frozen frome'. Furthermore, the fare for the festive fishing and feasting will set you back a fee of sixty dollars per family or funds of twenty dollars per person. First rate fermentation of the grape variety will be available at a fiver per glass. Some factors that might influence the running of the day are fog, Fahrenheit, freak frost, or feral foreign bodies. Favourable footwear on your feet is advisable. Pre-purchase your tickets from Yea & District Community Bank branch 66 High St., Yea Commences: Four Thirty PM at the Flat Plat,

Classifieds & Community Notices

TERIP TERIP HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE BIN

The Terip Terip household garbage bin is a private service organised and paid for by a group of local residents on a subscription basis. The bin is located centrally in Terip Terip and emptied regularly by Cleanaway. Due to a few comings and goings in the community over the last year or so, there are a few spots available to local households who would like to participate in the scheme. The cost to participate is approximately \$21 per month, or half that for part-time residents. We aim to collect fees annually. For more details, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Andrew Holloway on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com asap.

GETTING IN TOUCH

Peter Hagen who has played in Euroa a few times and is the brother of Ruffy resident Justus Hagen is running a concert series at his home in Broadford not so far down the highway.

The concert series is up to its second year now and features Peter playing a double manual Ruckers harpsichord imported from Switzerland in a recital entitled Getting in Touch (an introduction).

The getting in touch bit refers to the fact that the programme includes a few toccatas [from the word toccare meaning to touch (the keyboard)]. In a bush setting in his vaulted ceiling mud brick house this concert includes little known and exciting works by Louis Couperin, Georg Böhm, Weckmann, and Frescobaldi.

If you ever thought people were dull and boring in the 17th century, this concert will change your mind. Some wild music in this concert is tempered (somewhat!) by the more elegant expressiveness of other equally passionate musical pieces.

This second concert will be held on Sunday 18 March at 6.00pm and by booking online before 11 March you can book for a discount price of \$27. Tickets booked after this date are \$30 and refreshments are included in the price!! (WOW!)

Bookings are essential . www.trybooking.com/14799 or you can receive your tickets and map by posting to PO Box 327 Broadford and (cheques to "Peter Hagen") enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

This concert series has been supported by the Mitchell Shire and Tahbilk winery.

GLIDERS ALONG the LOWER GOULBURN

There are 2 types of gliders living along the Lower Goulburn, the Squirrel Glider & Sugar Glider.

The Sugar Glider and Squirrel Glider are small arboreal marsupials that belong to the Petaurinae family of possums. These animals are known as wrist-winged gliders as their patagium, or gliding membrane, extends from the wrist to the ankle. With the aid of their patagium, they can glide about 50 metres. Both live in tree hollows, where they huddle together in their family group.

Apart from being a much larger animal than the Sugar Glider (190–300g compared to 95–150g), the Squirrel Glider has a longer, more pointed face; ears that are longer and more narrow; and a much bushier, softly-furred tail.

Their diet includes nectar and pollen; the sap of certain eucalypts and gum from acacias, licked from gashes in tree trunks made with their lower incisors; and insects.

They live in family groups made up one mature male and one or more females, and this season's offspring.

They are social animals with a group usually consisting of 3–4 females, 2–3 males, and their young from the current season. Usually two joeys are born, occasionally three, after 16 days gestation. These remain in the pouch for 40 days, after which they are left in a nest for another 50 days, remaining with their mother until 7–10 months old.

There is another Glider in the area — the Feather-tailed Glider. It is only 6.5–8cm long. Tail length is 7-8cm and shaped like a feather. The adult weighs only about 10-15 grams, so this tiny glider is often missed.

Let us know if you have seen this tiny glider. Ring Janet Hagen 57904 268.

The Squirrel Glider is a threatened species

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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 for price enquiries or to order products.

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

Landcare is unable to subsidise poison baits but can offer assistance with fumigation, harbor removal and warren ripping. Please contact Simone on 03 5790 4146 or email hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

BOOK REVIEW

Don't call me Ishmael!
Michael Gerard Bauer

This is Bauer's second book for teenagers, the first 'The Running Man' won the CBC Book of the Year for Older Readers in 2005, and this one was shortlisted for the same award in 2007. Unlike that first book 'Ishmael' is full of humour as the antics of four teenage boys help them discover their self-confidence, girls the power of language and how to defeat the school bully. Ishmael, as the narrator, is by turns witty, perceptive, dismayed and hopelessly in love. The brilliant description of the debating semi-final and its aftermath are just gems.

By Pauline Roberts

FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday 31st March. "The course needs a minimum of 10 people for it to run and at the moment there are 5 participants. As I need to contact the facilitator before the end of February as to the viability of the course please advise me now - 57969301. Thanks."

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