



PEOPLE AND PLACES

HABBIES HOWE WOOL SHED

Habbies Howe shearing shed was built about 10 years before the homestead in the early the early 1840's.

Few of the participants at the dance last weekend probably gave much thought to the fact that they were in one of the oldest buildings in Victoria.

It is a credit to the Stewart family that it is still so solid after 160 years, over 4 million sheep and quite a few 21st and 18ths.

Gideon Stewart arrived in the colony of Victoria in the late 1830's with 500 sheep from Valleyfield in Tasmania. At their final shearing in 1918 his son Alexander Stewart shored over 25,000 sheep. The Webb's continued shearing those sort of numbers and at one stage was Victoria's largest wool producer.

It is often quoted that Dick aimed for a 1000 cows (which he achieved) and a thousand bales of wool, unfortunately (not for the presser) in 1972 they bought a Mac lodge hydraulic wool press and bale density increased from 350 lbs to 420 lbs and they dropped from 972 bales the previous year to just under 800!

The last shearing at Habbies was in 2002 when one of our neighbors shored an eventful 200. Thanks to all those who came to the bush dance last weekend becoming part of the sheds ongoing history.

By Scott McKay



'THE EDGE OF REASON'

The recent series of works by Philip Wischer engage the viewer to reflect on the brevity of beauty. Skyscapes dominate and are often held or encased within simplified shapes. Part abstract, part real, and even surreal, these works beckon consideration. Where is 'the edge' - and how do we make sense of time and place?

The paintings do not seek to 'make sense' but sit comfortably within their entity - thus alluding to that point where reason doesn't matter.

Shapes form windows to see through to other places - they suggest hope grasping at a fleeting moment linked with the use of sunsets and ladders as metaphors.

For the artist, this series of work is also as much about the way objects are configured within a composition as it is about subject.

"The main recurring motif began as a simplified tree form but developed throughout this series into more of a speech bubble, Facebook icon and even references Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach'".

The dominating reds and oranges grew from the artists earlier series of 'Black Saturday' paintings, and of many years spent in the Gibson Desert.

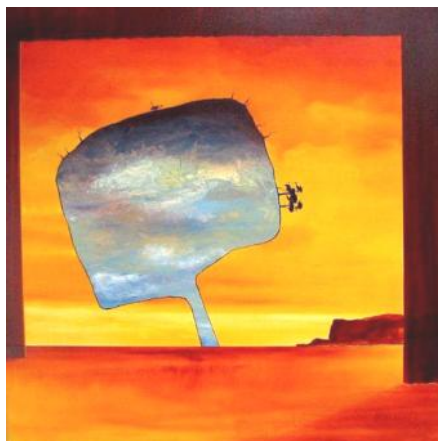
Philip now lives with his family "in the bush" in Highlands, the granite boulder country just north of Yea.

Opening-Friday May 4 2012 6pm to 8pm
Exhibition- May 3 - 28 2012
Gallery 34, 34 High Street, Yea
Thursday to Sunday 9-4
Monday 10-4 & Public Holidays 9-4

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WELCOME TO ISSUE 11

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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Alexandra Library presents a unique opportunity to meet and hear Andrew Fuller a clinical psychologist who has been described as an interesting mixture of Billy Connolly and Tim Winton and as someone who "puts the heart back into psychology"

Andrew specializes in the wellbeing of young people and their families. As a clinical psychologist he offers hints for building resilience in young people. Andrew defines resilience as "the happy knack of being able to bungee jump through the pitfalls of life, - to rise above adversity and obstacles."



Andrew has written a number of books on this subject including Tricky People; Life Matters; Tricky Kids and Raising Real People.

As part of the Friends of the Library sponsored Away with Words festival Alexandra library is pleased to present Andrew Fuller in person on Monday May 21 at 7pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about spontaneity, curiosity and other building blocks of good mental health. Join us afterwards for a reflective chat with Andrew and some mind building passion fruit sponge. Bookings Alexandra Library 5772 0349

SEYMOUR & DISTRICT U3A MELTING POT

Information about U3A can be found on the website:

www.vicnet.net.au-seymu3a email: seymu3a@vicnet.net.au or phone the Secretary: 0409 945 807.

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COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2012

Week beg 6th May	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Alec & Marion Rowan Brad Kellett & Kate Wright</i>
Tuesday 1st May	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 On the Couch expand your reading with the latest books, wine & laughter 6.30 – 8 pm
May 5 and 6	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "My Weekend with Marilyn" 99 mins Drama (M) 4 stars The movie captures a week with Marilyn Munroe in 1956 when she went to England to star in "The Prince and the Show-girl". It has all the elements you would expect from a movie about Marilyn – delightful, funny, poignant, also showing her sensuality and insecurities. Michelle Williams plays Marilyn along with a solid cast of Zoe Wanamaker, Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench and Dougray Scott. Based on two books by Colin Clark and diaries kept around this time it is a step back in time to a different world and one which has a fascination for us all.
Saturday 5th May	JOSH EARL vs CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CAKE BOOK sees Josh Earl perform his comedy show based around the Australian Women's Weekly Children's Birthday Cake Book that everyone loved growing up. Join in the fun at the Tallarook Mechanics Institute hear Josh's take on the book and the cakes and share your stories of how it changed your family's life. Bring your stories of the cakes which you loved and loathed. Bake and decorate your favourite cake and bring it along to win great prizes. This is a show the whole family can enjoy. Tickets \$30 pp or \$27 concession. 2 course dinner available from 6pm for \$25 pp. Ticket available online at trybooking.com/BFEH or from Louise Morris 0413 050 761
Saturday 5th May	The next Yea Country Market .It 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 . The May Market is a perfect opportunity for some late-Autumn shopping.
Wednesday 9th May	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve meeting 7.30 pm
Friday 11th May	' 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.
Sunday 12th May	Highlands Caveat CFA May Day, May Day, May Day Clearance Sale Community members are invited to submit items for sale. Commission will be going to Highlands/Caveat Rural Fire Brigade. Although final costs to the vendors are not finalized (eg commission, advertising etc) the more items that are for sale the less cost to each vendor. Contact John McMaster 0429861817 or Les lawson 57969265.
Sunday 13th May	Treat your mum to Mother's Day lunch at Rocky Passes Estate 1590 Highlands Rd. Book early for an inside spot 57969366 or email contact@rockypasses.com.au
May 12 and 13	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Margin Call" 107mins Drama / Thriller (MA) 4 stars We follow key people at a New York investment bank, taking us through the multitude of decisions on the trading floor. Lives are changed in a moment in the aftermath of the GFC and all its implications. Do not be late for the start of this dramatic movie as I believe that the strong story line deserves your full attention from the beginning. Starring Kevin Spacey, Simon Baker, Stanley Tucci, Jeremy Irons and Paul Bettany.
Wednesday 16th May	" Terip Terip CFA Election Meeting to be held at the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve commencing at 7.30 pm. All CFA members and interested community members welcome. Please put this date in your diary."
Friday 18th May	VOLUNTEERS – EVERY ONE COUNTS Volunteers who support the Mitchell Shire communities are invited to the Mitchell Shire Volunteer Luncheon to celebrate National Volunteers Week. 12.00 – 2.00pm. Broadford Shire Hall. R.S.V.P. to Renita Blayney by May 4th on 5734-6338 or renita.blayney@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au .
Friday 18th May	7.30pm at the Hall is ANTARCTICA night . Pauline & Peter, due to popular requests, will be giving a talk about their fantastic trip to Antarctica earlier this year. No we didn't make it to Mawson's Huts but we saw and had some incredible experiences in this amazing and pristine environment. Come along and discover what a truly remarkable place south of 43 deg.lat. is. RSVP for catering purposes by May 11th please 57969301
May 19 and 20	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (PG) 4 stars If Euroa cinema had a dollar for every inquiry about this movie we would all be going to India to stay at The Best Marigold Hotel! Apparently retirees can no longer afford to live in Britain and so they all take off on a journey to India where living is much cheaper and no doubt much more colourful. However the hotel does not live up to their expectations. The characters are enchanting, funny, endearing, challenging and a bit predictable, a total delight.
Monday 21st May	" Away with Words " SPECIAL EVENT An evening with Psychologist Andrew Fuller – A clinical psychologist with "heart", Andrew specialises in the well being of young people and their families, he offers hints for building resilience "the happy knack of being able to bungee jump though the pitfalls of life". Come along and find out more about spontaneity, curiosity and other building blocks for good mental health. Join us afterwards at the library for a reflective chat with Andrew and some mind building passionfruit sponge. Bookings 5772 0349
Tuesday 22nd May	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Blokes Night – laid back drinks and a yarn with mates 6.30 – 8

Classifieds & Community Notices

ADVERTISE YOUR REGIONAL TOURISM EVENT FOR FREE

Do you hold a tourism event within the Shire of Murrindindi? Your event may be able to be listed in the June to October 2012 Calendar of Events brochure.

The brochure is distributed to all Visitor Information Centres within Murrindindi, surrounding regions and Federation Square.

Application forms are available from:

Council's website - www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/events

Council offices at Alexandra, Kinglake or Yea

Email kjames@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call on 5772 0341.

Applications close on Wednesday 16 May 2012 Don't forget about our online Calendar of Events. Go to www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/events and click 'suggest an event'.

POSITION VACANT GARDENER/HANDYMAN

Position available in the Seymour district. Excellent 3BR house. Large garden to maintain. Successful applicant will be keen, reliable self starter. Gardening and maintenance skills necessary. Possibility of part-time house-keeping position for partner. Please forward copy of references with application to:

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SOIL SURVEY

Dear Goulburn Broken landholder, Roberts Evaluation are conducting a soil management survey of landholders with 10 acres or more in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. If you would like to participate please follow this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BXFM5G9>. The survey takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes.

Two prizes of \$500 to be spent on farm materials at a rural retailer within the Goulburn Broken Catchment are up for grabs. Winners will be drawn by Roberts Evaluation at the end of June. The survey closes May 31st 5pm. If you have any questions about this survey please contact Daniel Healy at Roberts Evaluation on 03 9670 0745

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Bidgee-widgee
Acaena novae-zelandiae

At the tip of South America a few years ago, I looked down and thought - what's Bidgee widgee doing here! In fact it wasn't the great Australian sock menace but a close relative, *Acaena magellanica*. As its name suggests, our species is also found in New Zealand and from either there or here has been carried to Europe and the UK, where under the NZ name of piri piri burr it is now a common invasive weed.

The other thing I saw which looked familiar in Patagonia was a tree closely related to and closely resembling the myrtle beech found in our cool temperate rainforest in Australia - traces of the ancient supercontinent Gondwana perhaps. By Louise Currie



ROSES FOR SALE

CFA fundraiser. One can never have too many roses in one's garden and here's a great opportunity to add one or two more and support your local CFA brigade.

The Firestar Rose was created following Black Saturday and honours the lives lost and the many dedicated CFA volunteers who were involved in that fight against nature. A second rose has now been created and is called Firestar Phoenix. It symbolises hope rising from the ashes and the beginnings of new life. The Firestar Rose is a floribunda with frilly petals - orange becoming raspberry pink - with a light scent, excellent continuous flowering and a mature size of .8m x .75m. The Firestar Phoenix is a deep pink quillot rose tinged with yellow and a good scent growing to 1.3m x 1.2m. Bare-rooted plants of both these roses can be ordered now via

www.firestarrose.com.au at a cost of \$26 each with \$11.50 from each sale going directly to the CFA brigade of the purchaser's choice. If you don't have internet access or would like to find out more please ring Pauline on 57969301.

NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF BEEF CATTLE

GOTAFE invite you to register for a three - day training course in beef nutrition. 26th & 27th June 2012, Day 3 TBA. Venue: Rural Industries Campus of GOTAFE, Tone Rd, Wangaratta, Vic. Book your expression of interest with Customer Service on 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468233) www.gotafe.vic.edu.au

FOR SALE

Ever looked into your wardrobe and discovered a couple of things that you are never likely to fit into again? We have. So the following are for sale for the Best Offers. 2 scuba diving wetsuits - 1 x size 5 slim (mens) and 1 x size 3 (ladies) they each comprise a sleeveless overall, jacket and detached hood. Very good condition and lightly used. Enquires and offers 57969301.

BOOK REVIEW

Reaching the Summit: Sir Edmund Hillary's Story – Alexa Johnston

Sir Edmund Hillary is one of my all-time heroes, not so much for conquering Everest with Tenzing, but for the work he has subsequently done in Nepal creating schools and hospitals to improve the quality of life for the Sherpa people. This is a great read about this most amazing man from his childhood growing up between the wars in New Zealand to his first encounters with mountain climbing and his subsequent inclusion in the British team to tackle Everest in 1953. He and Tenzing were actually the second choice to go for the final push up Everest, after the first pair of Evans and Bourdillon had returned from the high point of 8000m. And the rest as they say is history. But Hillary's life did not stop in 1953 and the rest of the book documents the extraordinary highs and lows of the last 54 years of this remarkable man.

By Pauline Roberts

TENNIS ANYONE?

Just letting you know that we have a fantastic new coach, Rachel Joyce and she is starting tennis lessons in Yea on Mondays. She runs the Tennis Australia programme called HotShots and this is designed to build kids confidence in tennis and make it lots of fun. If you would like more information, please email yeatennisclub@hotmail.com or call Rachel on 0405 591 362.

From Natalie Wischer

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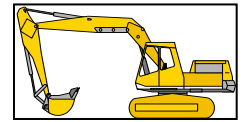
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