



THE SCARECROW

CABBAGE TREE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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DSE FUEL REDUCTION BURN

On March 7th DSE with assistance from CFA completed two fuel reduction burns which were scheduled on the Orbost Fire Operations Plan for the purpose of helping to protect the Cabbage Tree Creek community from potential bush fires.

The two burns totaling 70 hectares are situated directly adjacent to private property on the eastern side of Cabbage Tree Creek and complement burning conducted last autumn along the private interface and Emphields Track. Both burns achieved the asset protection objectives outlined in the burn plan.

The 2011 burn season has produced some difficult weather conditions. Despite these conditions DSE has managed to complete 16,800 hectares of fuel reduction burning across the Orbost district, this figure will increase over the next six to eight weeks if weather conditions are favourable.

LOCAL HISTORY

These photographs are believed to have been taken in the 1950's at Cabbage Tree Creek.

The image on the right shows two of the Murphy boys, a couple of the eight children of Lionel Murphy and Maggie Murphy. Does anybody know where the sign might have been located?



The photo on the right is of the Cabbage Tree Creek football team of 1958-1959 season (anyone know where the football field was?). The players are believed to be:



Back Row: R. Robinson, M. Wooley, T. Hannah, S. Hunt (Vice Captain), D. Lehman (Captain), A. Fields and Stan Cell.

Centre Row: L. Ross (Umpire), A. Williams, J. Morgan, K. Russell, E. Johnson, and D. Lenane.

Front Row: I. Butler, J. Terrie, G. Ross, T. Fields (Mascot), A. Donchi, M. Towers and V. Yates.

(If anybody knows of any errors in these names please let us know as we need to get any historical information as accurate as possible.)



NEW MEN'S SHED

"Cobbers from the Creek", the Cabbage Tree Creek Men's Shed was officially opened on 31 January 2009 by MP Craig Ingram and operates in a building owned by Noel and Kathy Woods.

In 2010 an application was made for a grant to build a larger purpose build shed and thanks to Scott Campbell-Smith this was successful. Foundation work has already started at the new location for the shed on the Community Recreation area and the new shed should be operational later this year.

The original project was started with loans from four interested men plus some donations from friends and they also receive a yearly grant from Orbost Regional Health. The shed is run under the auspices of Orbost Regional Health as is the Orbost Men's Shed. The shed men from Cabbage Tree Creek, Bemm River and Marlo Plains meet every Monday and Thursday - 10:00am to 2:00pm.



Bill explains the wonders of nature

TUESDAY 'SHAMBLES' WALKING GROUP

Over Winter & Spring 2010 a small but dedicated group of locals ventured out every Tuesday morning for an hour long walking adventure. Wearing sensible shoes and appropriately dressed for the weather they left from the Bushware Café at 10:30am with an aim of enjoying the delights of the bush as well as each others company.

One of the first rambles was within the immediate area; up past the quarry and along the back fence-line to the Cape Conran Road and return. Noel Wood's expertise was on show when he related the characteristics of various trees in the area and their particular use as felled timber.

On another occasion a group of cars ferried walkers to the rainforest walk, just past the Bellbird Pub. With numbers swelling to fifteen people (because of school holidays) walkers meandered along the built up walking trails, breathing in the scenery and marveling at the sights and sounds of the bush. This experience held something special for everybody.

Other highlights of the season were the Enfield track walk with its bridle-veil waterfall and abundant birdlife; Cabbage Tree Falls after a big downpour; French's Narrows where fish swam in the shallows and a tour of Barry & Irene's acreage along the creek, as well as a ramble to the mud brick home of Scott, Susie and family and discussion of their sustainable lifestyle. Other tracks & walks were explored where kangaroo, wombat & goanna were sighted including ofcourse the vast variety of birdlife that abounds in this part of the world.

Bill Killick, our resident horticulturalist, took on the challenge of explaining and naming the wide variety of plants in the bush on all these occasions. It was a great season for exploring!

The WALKING GROUP WILL RESUME its rambles the 2nd Tuesday in May, ALL WELCOME



COUNT US IN PROJECT

Run by Orbost Regional Health with funding from the State Government, this project is to encourage people in Waratah Lodge and Lochiel House to participate in Art, Craft and other activities, to dispel the myth that people living in residential care are passive recipients of institutional care.

Cabbage Tree Creek residents agreed at a town meeting to be part of this and Trin Preston and Bill Killick helped with ideas for the gardens on a regular basis at Waratah Lodge, Jo and Pete, from the shop, donated windchimes and a CD of rainforest music and Beryl King gave workshops

at both places with a clay component - culminating in an exhibition of all the residents efforts in painting-craft-ceramics-textiles at the Orbost Exhibition Centre which was attended by the Mayor, councillors and over 100 people.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Emerging from the subdivision the East Gippsland Shire is obliged to spend a small amount of the fees (\$3,750) on some aspect of Public Open Space in Cabbage Tree Creek.

As determined at the Hall Committee meeting this will be allocated to the refurbishment of the broken and inoperative fittings in the public toilet near the Hall

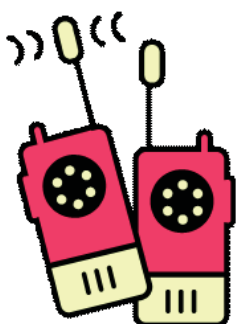
HEALTH CHECKS

The possibility of community health checks is presently being discussed with Orbost Regional Health. It is hoped that these could be arranged to occur perhaps twice a year and involve professionals visiting the community and testing residents on a range of health issues.

SAFETY ISSUES

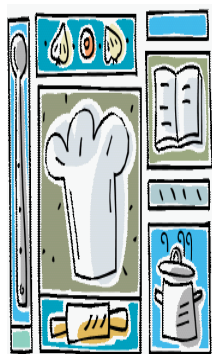
Arising out of the Community Opportunity Action Plan developed under the "Beaches To Bush" initiative, funding has been approved for the purchase of emergency communication devices for the use of Cabbage Tree Creek residents during power outages due to bushfire or similar emergency situations. Thanks to Francis for all the work she did.

The Hall Committee is meeting to decide the precise equipment needed and how it will be distributed and used.



RECIPE

APPLE ROLY POLY DESERT



- 1 Cup Self Raising Flour
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Sufficient milk to make dough
- 3 Apples
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter

Rub butter into flour and make a light dough with the milk and roll out thinly. Peel and slice the apples, and place over the dough, sprinkle with a 1/4 cup of sugar. Roll up and place in a pie dish. Mix water and rest of sugar and butter together and pour over roll. Bake in a moderate oven for about 1 hour.



IN THE VEGIE PATCH

Autumn Planting

- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbages
- Leeks
- Lettuces
- Onions
- Peas
- Spinach
- Turnips

GARDEN TIP

Green caterpillars are masters of disguise on potted plants. To stop grubs devouring leaves, immerse the entire plant in a bucket of water and caterpillars will rise to the surface within one minute for removal.

Herbs: Thyme

Sow thyme in early Autumn in clumps spaced 30cms apart.

It's a useful plant for ground cover, for rockeries and garden borders and it's also suitable for container growing.

Plants prefer full sunlight and will tolerate rather dry conditions.

Use fresh or dried leaves in soups, stews or in seasoning for poultry, meat and fish dishes.

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL, SWAP OR PROMOTE?

USE THIS SPACE TO DO IT.

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OR

give to Denise or Kathy at the next Hall Committee meeting



TIP:

If you want to make a soup from a cockatoo, or any member of the parrot family, you need to add 2 stones, carrots and spices to the pot. Cook the soup until the stones are tender, then throw away the cockatoo and eat the stones.

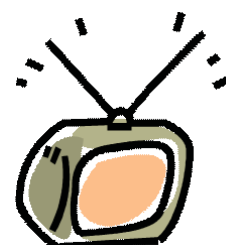


DIGITAL TELEVISION

Centrelink advise that there is a Household Assistance Scheme designed to help some people get ready for digital TV. The Government will be providing assistance to eligible households in some areas of regional Victoria. The Scheme will apparently supply, install and demonstrate a high definition set top box free of charge, with a maximum of one per couple and will be provided by qualified government-contracted installers.

You may be eligible for help provided:

- You or your partner receives the **maximum rate** of one of the following payments:
 - Age Pension
 - Disability Support Pension
 - Carer Payment
 - Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, or
 - Department of Veterans' Affairs Income Support Supplement.
- You own a functioning TV.
- You do not currently have access to digital TV on any of the TVs that you own. (If you can watch ABC 2 or SBS TWO, then you probably do have access to digital TV).
- You live in a switchover area that is currently switching to digital TV.



The upgrading of external antennas or cabling will only be undertaken if you own your place of residence and before receiving the installation, you will be asked to sign an official declaration stating that you do not already have access to free-to-air digital TV on any of the TVs that you own. Please be aware that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. The Digital Switchover Taskforce and Centrelink can make enquiries to ensure you are entitled to the Household Assistance Scheme. Letters inviting potentially eligible individuals to opt into the Scheme are supposed to be sent out approximately six months before each area is due to switchover. The letter will invite you to contact Centrelink to check your eligibility. **The Household Assistance Scheme is available for 6 months before and 1 month after the switch to digital in your region.**



PROFILE Arnaud (Arno)

My name is Arno, I'm 28 and originally from Mauritius but I have called Melbourne home for the last 8 years. I came to Cabbage Tree Creek after Christmas to run the Aboriginal Gallery but when that fell through Kathy and Noel Woods inspired me to stay on and gave me a place to live and a chance at a whole new life amid these beautiful surroundings.

I have a passion for food, wines, music and sports and have accumulated considerable knowledge particularly in the food and wine area over the years. I studied hospitality in Melbourne and worked in a number of world renowned 5 Star institutions overseas and am available for mobile home catering. This involves me visiting a household and cooking for special occasions or catering for a normal dinner or lunch with no diet excluded (call 0404 323 240). My passion for sports has seen me playing soccer and basketball, semi professionally, for over 10 years in Melbourne and overseas. I'm French speaking and studied it for over twelve years, I'm looking forward to tutoring in and around the Orbost area in the near future.

I will conclude by saying a big thank you to the Cabbage Tree Creek community for their warmth, generosity and consideration towards me.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE



cabbagetreecreek.vic.gov.au

The first steps have been taken to develop a website for our community. The name has been reserved with the Community Geographic Domain Names (CGDN) the organization that controls the use of Australian township names for the use of that community only.

Support for the development of cabbagetreecreek.vic.gov.au has been received from the East Gippsland Council and the next step will be to submit an application to CGDN. When they have approved this the domain name will be officially registered and steps begun to actually develop the website content. This will occur under the direction of the Cabbage Tree Creek Hall committee, who are the official body now making application for the use of the name. Wide consultation will occur about the actual content of the website and everyone will be able to contribute. The whole process will probably take about three or four months.

NEW ROOF FOR HALL

The latest work completed (almost) on the Cabbage Tree Creek Hall is the installation of a new pale green colourbond roof at a cost of \$9,430.

This follows the renovation of the frame, stumps and ceiling.

Some gym equipment has been donated and installed for use by residents when the renovations are fully complete. Thanks to Bob King and Jo Fischer.



NOTICES

BUSHWARE CAFE GARAGE SALE POSTPONED - NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED

BUS TRIP - A community bus trip to Mallacoota is being planned (early April) to see the WWII history museum and have a Pub Lunch. Anyone interested in coming along please inform Kathy before the end of the month.

PLANNING AHEAD - Noel would like to hear from the community about suggested activities for the Melbourne Cup get-together this year, eg. yabbie race or similar.

THANK YOU - to Otto Herman for the earthworks on and around the tennis courts.

THANK YOU - to Jurgen (Bellbird Pub) for the extended use of his scaffolding.



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Trin Preston is doing well after her multiple heart bypass, much to Bill's relief, they would like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes.

Wendy would like to pass on her thanks to everyone for their encouragement over the last few trying months.



Deadline for the next Newsletter is the end of April 2011.

Email or deliver any articles, recipes, photos, history, news or notices etc to Jack or Denise.

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