



THE SCARECROW

CABBAGE TREE CREEK NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

WORKING BEE AT TENNIS COURTS



Volunteers gathered on Sunday 24 April 2011 to erect the west facing perimeter poles on the Tennis Courts. With Noel's trusty tractor, and the acrobat skills displayed by some of the volunteers, it was up in no time.

Next Working Bee:

Saturday 23rd June, 12noon

Kicking off with a BBQ lunch (bring a salad, meat provided) the aim is to erect the cyclone wire, header for the gate & the bottom rails on the west side of the courts to enclose the space. **ALL WELCOME**, Many hands make light work!



Cabbage Tree Hotel, undated



Cabbage Tree Hotel 1927

LOCAL HISTORY

HIGHWAY HOTEL BURNT

(Snowy River Mail 3/2/1937)

CABBAGE TREE HOTEL & POST OFFICE COMPLETELY DESTROYED

“At 5.45 yesterday evening the Cabbage Tree Hotel, a fifteen roomed building on the Princes Highway, 18 miles from Orbost was completely destroyed by fire in less than 20 minutes.

The fire started in the vicinity of the dining room and spread rapidly, soon gutting the building which had been taken over by Mr I. Coggins less than twelve months ago and had been remodelled and made up-to-date.

Mr. Angus Rankin, mail contractor and together with Mr & Mrs Coggins tried frantically to extinguish the fire with buckets of water from the tank. Seeing their efforts were in vain they then diverted their attention to saving the furniture and clothing. They managed to get the piano and wireless and clothing out but were forced to leave as the ceiling in the dining room had started to collapse.

Two surveyors, Messrs Cousins Bros., were staying at the hotel and one of them lost a racing bicycle valued at 22 pounds & ten shillings which he had received only last week from South Australia.

Mr Coggins drove his car out of the garage just as the hood started to burn and Mr Cousins saved a car belonging to Mr Sam Clay of Combienbar and found the paintwork was badly blistered by the intense heat.

Crockery and keepsakes belonging to Mrs. N.E. Brown, mother of Mrs Coggins, were all lost, but the young couple managed to save their wedding presents.

The post office, which was detached from the main building, was destroyed with all the equipment and stock.

The electric light plant and engine room also went up in flames.

The building was insured for \$400 pounds with Mercantile Mutual Co. and Mr Coggins had made arrangements for further insurance embracing the new additions and furniture.”

The location of the Cabbage Tree Hotel was at the corner of Tarbuck's Rd & the Princes Highway.

SHAMBLES WALKING GROUP

Meets at the Shop at 10.30am each
Tuesday



3 Month Destinations Calendar

ALL WELCOME

July 5th: Walk through CTC Quarry to Cape Conran Road & back through Noel & Kathy's property

July 12th: Cape Conran Heathlands Walk

July 19th: Wander to Scott & Suzie's

July 26th: Marlo Waterside Walk

* Lunch: Marlo Pub

August 2nd: Barry & Irenes River Walk
(bring your gumboots)

August 9th : Rainforest Walk

August 16th: Yeerung Gorge Walk

August 23rd: Bellbird Creek Walk

*Lunch at Bellbird Pub

August 30th: Tarbucks Road through Mary McDonalds property

September 6th: Emphield Track

September 13th: Cape Conran Nature Trail

September 20th : Cabbage Tree Falls & environs (byo mossie spray)

September 27th: Bemm River Walk

*Lunch at Bemm Pub

THESE DESTINATIONS MAY CHANGE

DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

October & November - Plans are afoot to do a bit of bird identification involving the local 'Twitchers'; a guided walk by a geologist to discover the Newmerella embankment; a ramble over the Marlo Airport environs guided by Orchid enthusiast Gary Watts, as well as our weekly walks which will be announced in August Newsletter.

LANDCARE PUB RAFFLE

A roster will be made up of available CTC residents at the next meeting of the Hall Committee on Sunday, 10.30am on 31st July, for those who are interested in participating in the Landcare Pub Raffle at the Marlo Pub. The Hotel provide the prizes and all monies collected go into improving our community.



Congratulations to **BERYL KING** on the acceptance of her ceramic sculpture for the upcoming *Books... beyond words - evolution* in August 2011 at the East Gippsland Art Gallery in Bairnsdale.

On May 14th Cabbage Tree Creek hosted a visit by the Orbost & District Historical Society.

Despite the cold and bleak weather, the small bus was packed for the journey and the first stop was Tarbucks Lane. The site of the original hotel was noted, with the present highway now passing through an area previously occupied by the hotel kitchen. The site of the mill on Swan's farm was pointed out along with the former Cabbage Tree Creek School.

From here the group travelled to Pows Rd / Emphield Track intersection where a staging post and yards for travelling stock were once found. Along the Old Princes Highway buildings including The Cook House, The Manager's House and the original General Store and Post Office were discussed. It was also remarked that this was where the highway used to cross the creek until the road realignment saw several houses demolished and the crossing relocated to its current position. Next stop was the General Store which was formerly the local garage/workshop, then on toward the Hall. The bus paused as The Cobbers from the Creek Men's Shed was discussed.

There was a lot of interest and discussion as the group looked around the Hall, including renovations to the Recreation Reserve and the building itself. The group offered the community their congratulations and were appreciative of the challenges faced in achieving the rejuvenation of the Hall.



KATHY & NOEL HI-FIVE DAVE DURING THE IRONMAN RUN



Our very own Ironman Dave Whyte is officially amongst the fittest athletes in Australia!

He recently completed the extraordinarily demanding event in 11 hours 11 minutes and 33 seconds.

We joined Dave's wife Lucia, his sister Janne and Irondog Chillie, to support him and give him a cheer on during the experience. As the 1st May was also Noel's birthday, it proved to be an exceptional day.

It all began at Port MacQuarie with 1059 other competitors at 6:30am as they started a 3.8km swim in the Hastings River. Following the swim Dave then jumped on his bike and cycled for 180kms over challenging terrain and against buffeting winds, although at least the previous days of

rain had given way to sunshine. The final leg was a mere 42.2km run! As we waited for him to complete his last lap, the darkness grew and the lights over the finishing gate flashed. The music and atmosphere in the crowd pumped palpable excitement all around us. At last, there he was coming down the last straight and a very loud voice announced "Dave Whyte...You are an Ironman..."

It was a rewarding time, seeing all the dedication, training and effort that Dave had committed himself to finally coming to fruition.

Overall Dave finished 281st and 25th of the 133 competitors in his 45-49 year age group.

Article by Kathy Woods

FAST WINTER SOUP

with **DAMPER** (serves 4)

1 Tbs olive oil

1 onion chopped

1 long red chilli (opt)
deseeded & minced

1 celery stalk (chopped)

1 carrot (chopped fine)

1 tsp ground cummin

1 tsp corriander

1 cup red lentils (rinsed
& drained)

1 litre (4 cups) chick or vegie stock

low-fat yogurt or cream to serve (opt)

Method

1. Heat oil in large saucepan fry 1st 4 ingredients then add spices, fry 1 minute.

2. Add lentils, stock and bring to boil simmer for 2-3 minutes.

3. Season with S&P bring to boil & simmer 10 minutes.

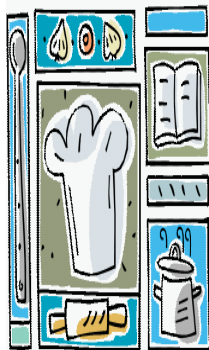
Serve in bowls with dollop of yogurt & accompany with damper.

DAMPER (this can cook while you make the soup)

Preheat oven to 200C

3 cups SR flour, pinch salt, 80 grams marg. 3/4 cup water, 1 Tbs of mixed herbs (opt)

Method: Grease a baking tray. Rub marg into flour until resembles breadcrumbs add salt & herbs and stir, add water and cut through with a knife until dough comes together (add a little more water if necessary). Knead on board for a few minutes, shape into an 8 cm disc and divide into 4 wagon-wheel sections with a blunt knife, place on baking tray & bake for 30 minutes. Let cool & serve with butter.



HEALTH CHECKS

These will be held at the Men's Shed Kitchen on Thursday, 30th June at 12.30pm.

Blood Pressure readings, sugar levels, etc. will all be recorded. These regular checks will be on going under the banner of Orbost Regional Health .

IN THE VEGIE PATCH

WINTER PLANTING:

Broad Beans
Cabbage
Chicory
Endive
Garlic
Onions
Peas
Shallots



GARDEN TIPS

Fertilise Peas with wood ash from your fire, water in well, stand back and watch them grow!

MAKE YOUR OWN LIQUID FERTILIZER

All you need is a bucket of water, 3 cups Dynamic Lifter or Chicken Manure, 30cm (approx) square old shade cloth, some string & a stick. Wrap Lifter in shade cloth to make a large 'tea bag', tie with string making a loop on one end, thread onto stick, suspend in bucket of water for a few days. Dilute water until colour of weak tea and water plants. **CHEAP & CHEERFUL !!!**

CABBAGE TREE PALMS (Livistona Australis)

There are few Cabbage Tree Palms growing in Cabbage Tree Creek and it was discussed at the June Hall Committee meeting that residents might like to purchase some for their own properties. These palms are very slow growing, have a non-invasive root system and are very handsome when mature.

It was thought that a row or a stand of Cabbage Tree Palms would be most appropriate if planted at or near the Cabbage Tree Creek Hall.

Currently they are available at Bell's Concrete and Garden Supplies in Orbost - \$20 for an eight inch pot.



PLANT ONE NOW FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

MARLO LANDCARE GROUP LANDSCAPING DONATION

A grant of \$450 was allocated to the Hall Committee for the purchase of plants to beautify around the Hall. It was decided that the landscaping would be deferred until the construction of new Mens' Shed is completed and the weather is warmer.

WOMENS GROUP MORNING TEA



When: Wednesday,
6th July 10.30am

Where: Kathy & Noel's House

Why: To discuss ideas for future fundraising events

Cabbage Tree Creek Football Premiership Team 1950



TEAM: BACK ROW: Mark Lay (goal umpire), Stan Wason, Nash Clark, Jack Brooks, Trigger Martin, Ted Moroney, Edgar Johnson, Jack Kirby, Lionel Murphy, Wally Scott, Ted Perkins (Trainer).

FRONT ROW: Bill Wall, Mack Morse, Leo Carrol, Dave Hayse, Leo Hampton, Arthur Hayse, Kevin McNamara, George Ross, Terry O'Rourke.

Cabbage Tree Creek team played in the second division in the local area. Consisting of teams from Cabbage Tree Creek, Orbost, Newmerella, Marlo, Buchan and Nowa Nowa. Cabbage Tree Creek colours were brown and gold the same as Hawthorn so naturally the Hawks team was followed closely.

Cabbage Tree Creek home ground was originally where Chris and Linda Swan now live. This area however was needed for a school so the football oval shifted to Pow's Paddock. At this time there were six timber mills and a large forestry camp at McKenzie River to draw players from. For away games, if you did not have your own transport (not many did) tarps were secured over and around Albert Emphield's delivery truck, stools fitted and away they went, including supporters, (same transport mode for dancing).

HALL UPDATE

The new roof has been completed including steel fascia and leafguard. Still some work to be completed on the Entry Hall (Princes Highway side). Outstanding however are the eaves and downpipes where more funding is needed.

A \$2,000 grant application will be made to VicForests to go towards the upgrade of the meter box - the current total costs is expected to be between \$4,000 - \$5,000.

A Public Open Space fund of just over \$3,000 will replace the toilet suites and handbasins in the public loos. The water will need to be connected after the downpipes are in place.



Thanks to Brian for the new Men's Shed sign which hangs under the Woods Road street sign on the corner of the Princes Highway.

COBBERS FROM THE CREEK

A number of small donations have been given to the Mens' Shed in the last month or so, these will go towards the cost of the Community Notice Board and other projects.

Current Projects: Marlo LandCare have donated \$150 for the construction of Bird and Bat Boxes, these will be built to LandCare specifications. The men are also restoring a dais for Orbost Little Athletics.



NEXT HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY 10:30am - 31 JULY 2010
ALL WELCOME



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

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

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