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Artworkz, changing the way we interact with local information.

To help support tourism and to remind locals of why we love our amazing district, we will be endeavouring to release a free nature desktop image each month. All images will be taken locally and released freely by photographers who wish to share their skills with the community. This means we all can all enjoy their photographic achievements together. Click on the button above to download our first free image.



THE CORNER STORE

MEMORIES OF MIRIMBAH

By Margaret Nicholas (nee Earnshaw)



It was the only retail outlet in our little community of Mirimbah, a sawmill town at the foot of Mt. Buller – a shop and petrol bowzers at ground level, with living quarters upstairs for Florrie and Fred Jewell who ran the place. The building was painted white, which was quite luxurious by mill standards,

most houses and were built huts from green timber and left to season with the weather, a few very (our house included) oiled with sump oil with white paint around t h e windows and doors. I also thought having a two- storey house was the height of and luxury the Jewells had a pianola as well! We often had singalongs at their place on Saturday

nights, my Dad taking along his button accordion for accompaniment.

On this particular Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have gone to the football in Mansfield watch their Alan son. playing at full-forward. The shop and the bowzers are closed but the phone lines have to be left open, and I've

been paid five shillings to look after the switchboard. It's 1952, I'm eleven - and today is the first time I've even held a phone in my hand. Sitting and waiting in the tiny cubicle, I've read all the comics, The Phantom, Superman, Archie, Magic Cat and others in the shop and browsed through the latest editions of Woman's Mirror, New Idea and Women's Weekly, and the Sun newspaper, as well.

hate this stupid headset - first it's too tight and digging into my ears and then, it falls down around my neck. Staring at the switchboard with all its little holes, plugs, shutters and whatever, I have this rather sick feeling I don't really know what I'm doing. was all so easy when Mrs. Jewell was here, showing me what to do, and how to do it. Shutter. Buzzer. Light. Plug in, under the shutter. Flick switch. Ask, What number, please? Remember to speak nicely and use the right plug

for that number. Ring the right code - short, short, long or two longs and a short ... or whatever. Wait till the other person answers. Flick the switch back. Don't listen in. When the shutter goes down again, they've finished. Disconnect. I think that's it! There hasn't been a call since they left two hours ago, and I'm hoping it stays that way.

Suddenly, an outside line rings in and I jump with fright. Shutter down. Light flickering. Buzzing. I wildly scrabble for the headset and roughly jam it on. Ouch, the buzzing hurts my ears. But I have to answer this thing, and quickly. Mrs. Jewell warned I mustn't ever let anyone drop out. I don't really know what "dropping out" means, but it sounds important. I pick up the plug and push it into a hole.

'Hello?' No answer.

'Hello?'

The light's The buzzer's still buzzing. Why isn't anyone answering? Oh no! I've put the plug in the I'm sure he's thinking of Margaret Nicholas

wrong hole! Hasty adjustment. The light goes out. The buzzer stops.

'Hello?'

'Who's that?' a snappy male voice at the other end.

'Er, Hello? Mirimbah Post Office and Store here. How can I help you?'

'Of course it's the Mirimbah Post Office and Store. That's the number I rang,' He sounds angry.

'Where the hell's Florrie?'

I'm terrified. What have I done wrong? Why is he yelling at me? I can hear my heart beat pounding in my head. I always blush when I'm upset, so I'm sure my face is brick red. Just as well there isn't anyone there to see me.

'Er, Mrs. Jewell's gone to the football in Mansfield. It's Margaret here.'

'Margaret who?' and he continues to interrogate me. How old am I? How long have I been working here? I'm in such a state of panic,

getting the police on to me.

Suddenly, the second outside line shutter drops down, light flickering, more buzzing. By this time, I'm starting to get cranky.

'Excuse me, can you please hurry up and tell me whose number you want. I have to answer another call.'

I'm terrified he'll ask to be put on hold. I don't have the slightest idea how to do that, though Mrs. Jewell did explain it to me. Maybe I'm going to have a drop out, and then Mrs. Jewell will ask someone else to look after the switchboard when she wants time off, and I'll miss out on the five bob.

'I told you, it's Florrie I'm looking for. Toodle oo, dear.' and he hangs up, leaving me to deal with the next call. My initial fright over, I have no further dramas with operating the easily switchboard and handle all following calls in fact, both of them.



ALEXANDRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY WEEK EVENT TIMETABLE

www.vicnet.au/~ahs alexandra.historical.society@gmail.com

Entry Fee charge	Date	Activity
\$2.00	Friday 26 October	Guided Cemetery Tour "See Local Notables buried at the Alexandra Cemetery, starting at 2 pm BYO wet weather gear!
\$2.00	Saturday 27	Guided Heritage Walk at 11 am Starting from Dove Cottage
\$2.00 entry charge for refreshments	Saturday 27 & Sunday 28	Dove Cottage open 10 am – 4 pm Morning and afternoon teas available
		Saturday & Sunday activities in RSL HALL Alexandra 12 pm – 4 pm
\$2.00 RSL Hall entry		Photo display of Local Gold and Mining
		Display of RSL memorabilia Jubilee and Royal Family Display
		Display of 'Never Before Seen Photos" and A3 posters and History Week 2009 framed posters
		Display of Alexandra Brass Band photos
\$2.00	Sunday 28	Guided Grant Street Tour 12 o'clock start from Dove Cottage
\$5.00 entry includes one train ride Chn 3 & under free	Sunday 28	Alexandra Timber Tramway & Museum Station Street, Alexandra Museum open and train rides. 10 am – 4 pm Historic Car Club will be visiting at 11.30 am Info Line 0427 509 988
Free	Sunday 28	Alexandra Open Gardens – Self Guided Tour Start time 10 am from Carol Hortin Garden at Alexandra Primary School, 7 Myrtle St and 33 Vickery Street, Alexandra Enquiries: G Olive 5774 7091
Free	Sunday 28	Entertainment Jug Band and poetry at Dove Cottage 12 – 2 pm





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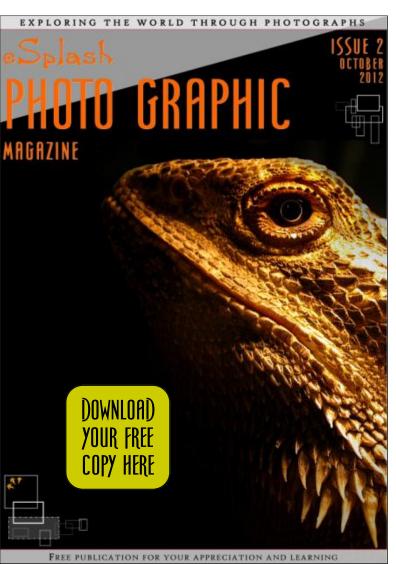
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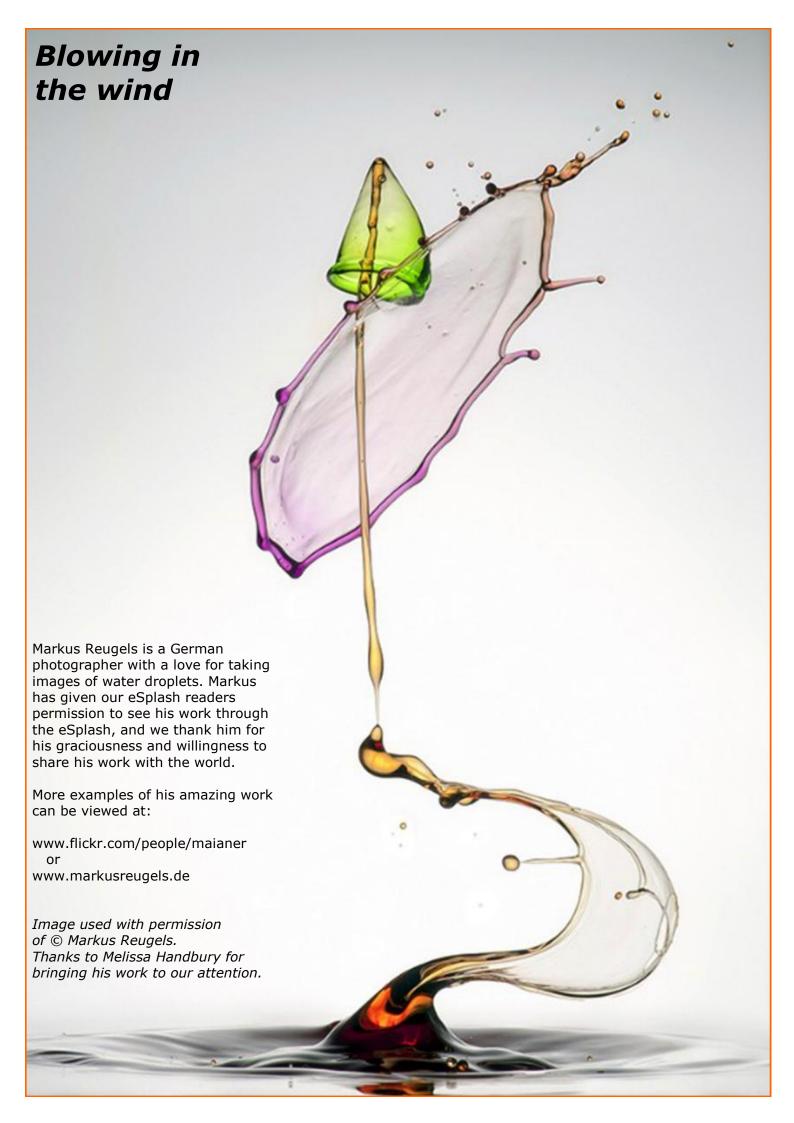
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... from award winning children's book author Mark Carthew

3pm - 5pm Sunday 27th October 2012

\$15 per person to attend the talk Places Limited - Bookings Essential!

Mark Carthew is an award winning Australian author well known for his books and series exploring wordplay, poetry, music, movement and drama. He is also a member of the Board of the Australian Society of Authors (ASA).

Mark's latest releases include Newts, Lutes and Bandicoots, Wicked Wizards & Leaping Lizards and Witches' Britches, Itches & Twitches! produced with UK illustrator Mike Spoor. Mark's picture books include Five Little Owls, The Gobbling Tree, winner of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year 2009 and the forthcoming ABC books title; The Moose is Loose! His anthology Can You Keep a Secret? Timeless rhymes to share and treasure was noted by the Children's Book Council of Australia as a 2009 Notable Book.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Mark talk about his writing experiences and collaborations with some of Australia's and the world's best known authors, illustrators and publishers.

www.markcarthew.com.au

Please book and pay by Thursday 25th October at Rustic Simplicity @ The Shear 'N' shedS...





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Spring Exhibition

Opens Friday 31st August
Exhibition current
until 5pm Tuesday 6th November 2012
'Rhyme and Reason – The Art of Children's Literature'



featuring Mark Carthew, Mini Goss, Mike Spoor



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'Young at HeART'



A Group Exhibition of Alexandra Secondary College 2012 VCE Studio Artists

Exhibition Opening

Friday 9th November from 6pm - All Welcome!

Exhibition current until 5pm Thursday 29th November 2012

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Followed by

'Touch a HeART with ART this Christmas'





A Group Exhibition of Local & Victorian Artists

Exhibition Opening

Friday 30th November from 6pm - All Welcome!

Exhibition current until 5pm Thursday 3rd January 2013





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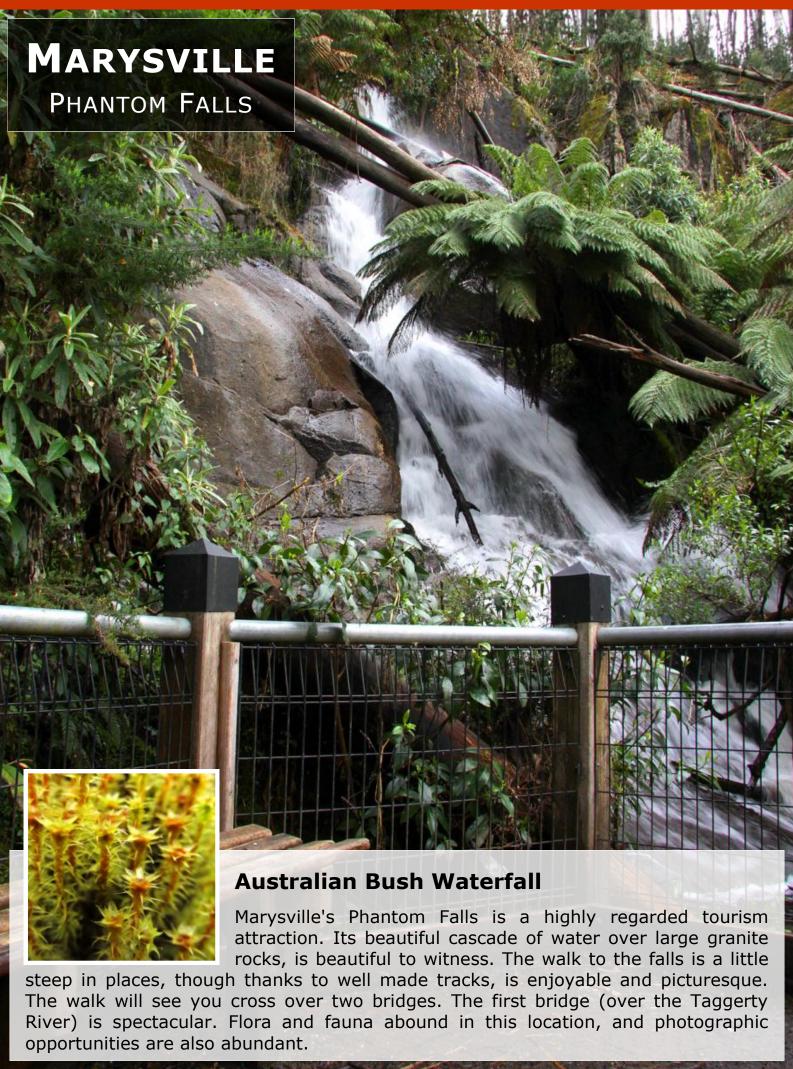
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Phantom Falls is located 8.4km from the Marysville Woods Point Road, along the magical Lady Talbot Drive. Care should be taken on this gravel road, especially in wetter months.

Once at the carpark area, walk around 800 metres over varied gradients to the modern viewing platform. This incorporates a wooden bench chair for those needing to rest or wanting to take in the sights and sounds.

(Left) Parks Victoria signage.



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(Left) The lead-up to the Phantom Falls platform. (Top right) Another small falls along the track. (Bottom right) Phantom Falls behind the viewing platform.

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Namparra Leigh is a farm of 320 acres located in Ruffy, in North East Victoria.

The farmland and surrounding area boasts some stunning rock formations and an abundance of native wildlife including kangaroos, koalas, echidnas and wombats.

Accommodation is available on the farm in the form of two self contained cottages. THE LODGE sleeps eight in three bedrooms and THE COTTAGE sleeps six in two bedrooms.

The farm is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.



Contact: Marj Leigh 259 Nolans Road, Ruffy, Vic. 3666 03 5790 4298 namparraleigh@harboursat.com.au www.namparraleigh.com.au

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Namparra Leigh is a farm of 320 acres, located in the amazing tablelands of Ruffy in North East Victoria. The farm runs Murray Grey Beef Cattle, turkeys and a few sheep.

The farm land and surrounding area boasts some stunning rock formations and an abundance of native wildlife including kangaroos, koalas, echidnas and wombats. Also, a family of spectacular wedge-tailed eagles, with great bush walking and bird watching.

There is also accommodation available on the farm in the form of two self-contained cottages. The Lodge sleeps eight in three bedrooms, two doubles and two bunks. The Cottage sleeps six in two bedrooms, one double and two bunks.

Both cottages are fully self-contained with full kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities. All bed linen and towels are provided, along with TV, DVD, heating (electric and wood) and airconditioning. You receive a complimentary breakfast basket. The farm is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

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november events

3	History Café share local history over morning tea, great photos & stories	10-12
7	Soapbox – Lively discussion on edgy topics this month - Cults	7-8
8	Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome	10
13	Junior Friends & 4F Break Up & Pegasus Reading Awards	5.30 - 6.30
15	Storytime for under 3's, rhymes, stories, activities & songs	11 - 12
16	Storytime for 3 – 5's stories, fun, activities & songs	11 - 12
19	Vintage Readers - grey power book discussion group	2-4
20	Tuesday Show - History of Mechanics Institutes in Victoria	1-2
22	Murrindindi Writers – all aspiring writers welcome	10
27	On the Couch BreakUp -, New books, wine and lots of laughs	6.30 -8
27	Blokes Night Break up for year – drinks and a yarn with mates	6.30 - 8
30	Acoustica - Final lunchtime concert with local Swing Band the "Redgator	s"12.30 - 1.30
30	Ukulele Heaven BYO ukulele everyone welcome	6-8

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WEEKLY Scrabble

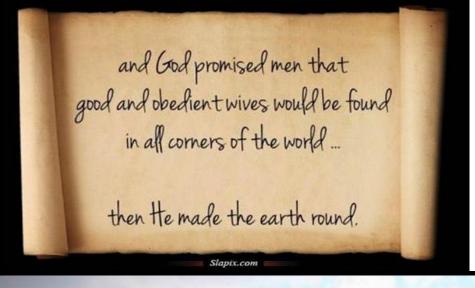
Every Friday 1 – 4 More players wanted

Bridge

Every Monday 2 - 4 New players welcome

DON'T FORGET

- * Wireless Internet is available BYO laptop
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Need time to relax? Need time to yourself? Want to go shopping?

Leave your husband with us! We will look after him for you.

ONLY COST: You pay for his drinks.



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NARBETHONG

RESERVE & PLAYGROUND



Narbethong Reserve nears completion

The Narbethong Reserve has been redesigned from the ground up, and is nearing completion. When a friend and I

stopped there on Tuesday it looked fantastic in the early morning light. It is expected to be open before summer sets in, and I foresee many stops here on my return trips from Melbourne (for a break and a big breath of clean country air).

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ROTARY PLAYGROUND

The Rotary Clubs of Hoalesville, Beaumaris, Hampton, Glenroy,
Alexandro, Doncaster, Norwood, Loundoun (Scotland) and Doncaster St Leger (
 The Change Community (Tasmania)

A new Day Visitor Area

This reserve includes a children's playground, toilet block, proximity to local shops, and undercover BBQ area, which includes picnic tables. This combination means it is effectively a new district Day Visitor Area, as you can drive into the area, have a drink or meal, and spend an extended period of time enjoying the bush setting. A number of Rotary Clubs have worked together to help make it possible.





KING PARROT VALLEY COUNTRY RETREAT

"Banksia Gallery & Gardens".

26-66 Wentworths Road, [off Fairview Rd], STRATH-CREEK VIC 3658.

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Gallery presenting original regional & international art, pottery, sculpture, silkart, batik-cloth, papyrus-paper, ottoman tiles, indigenous works & photography for viewing & purchase. Free entry. Spring-flower display. Refreshments available at the "Olive-Branch Cafe". Olive tastings, infused Olive oil with local produce including Yea & Donnybrook cheeses. Coffee & herbal tea's on offer. Sale of olive products, native plants & herbs.

Groups welcome & catered for.

"Idea's and Inspiration Exhibition" on until the end of November.

An inspiring collection of works in a wide variety of mediums & styles.











Accommodation.

Eco-Spa, Log-Chalet S/C accommodation available overlooking the King-Parrot Creek with all the trimmings. Walking trails throughout. Views & wildlife.

Open Gardens Australia.

Property is a listed member of the Regularly Open Gardens in the 2012 - 2013 National Open Gardens Australia magazine. Gardens open October to April Friday to Sunday plus Public holidays, or by appointment. Groups welcome & catered for. Garden Tours on offer. Free Entry. Member since 2004.

- STRANGE BEHAVIOURS -

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 1:

I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 note. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar coin back.' She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.' The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. (Do not confuse the people at MacD's in Shepperton Vic).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 2:

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.' We haven't used that repairman since. (From Bankstown NSW).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 3:

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local council to request the removal of the WOMBAT CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: 'Too many wombats are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.' (From Bauple Qld).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 4:

My daughter went to a Mexican Takeaway and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce. (From Castle Hill, Sydney).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 5:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.' (This happened at Melbourne Airport).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 6:

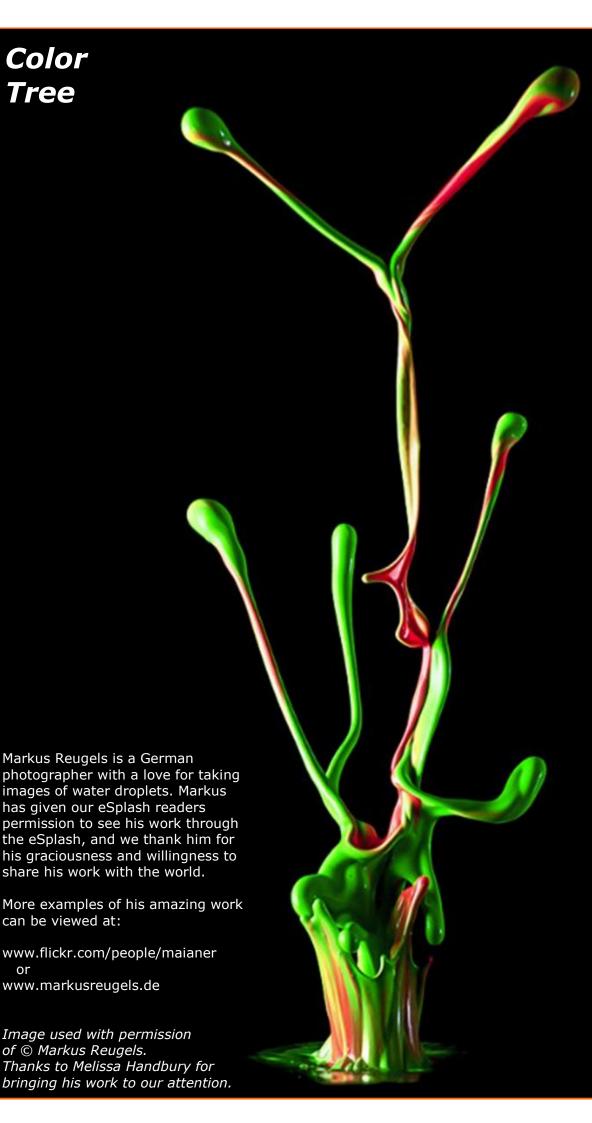
The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the beeper was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?!' (She is a government employee in the Adelaide P.O. SA).

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR 7:

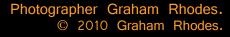
When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!'

His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.' (Holden Dealership Townsville Old).

Color Tree



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The London Bridge, located at Sandstone in Western Australia. The basalt bridge once made up part of a track which was passable by foot, or even with a horse and buggy (pictured). Erosion has now rendered the bridge dangerous to pass, too a sign asks people and not to walk over it.

Submissions welcome

Crane Fly

Insect



LOCAL FAUNA SERIES

FAMILY Tipulidae

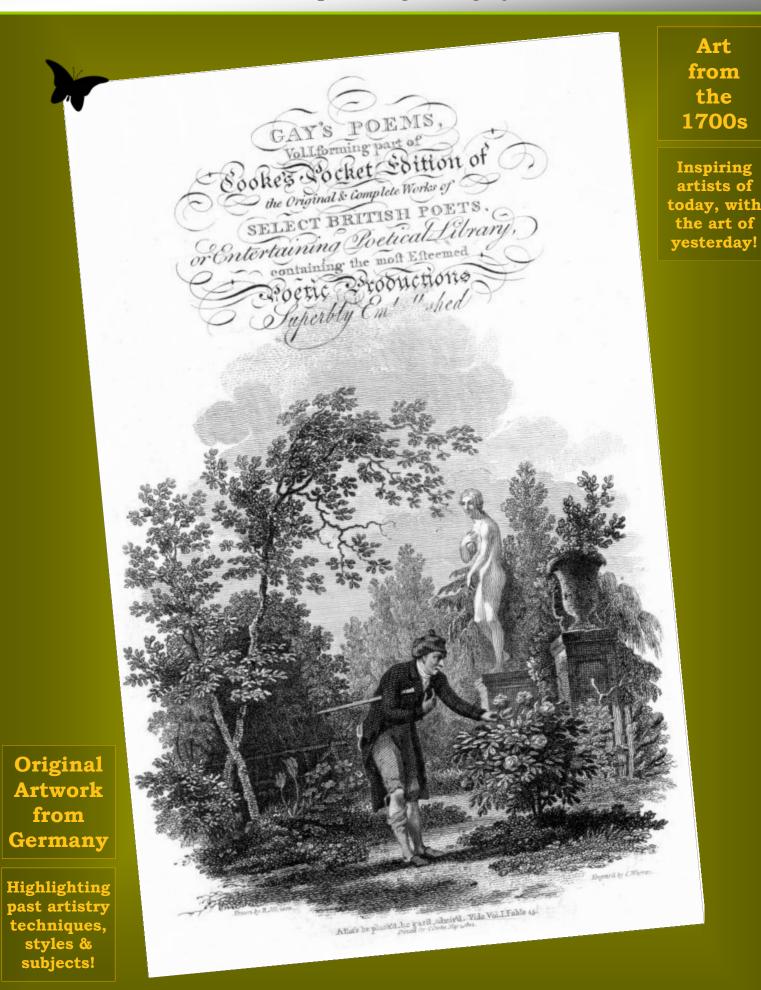
COMMON NAMES

Mosquito hawk

An adult Crane Fly is a large slender insect, which can grow to over 60mm in length. It's long legs can also be up to 60mm. There are over 4,250 species known to exist worldwide. They often extend their wings when resting, making them appear like a large mosquito. Though unlike a mosquito, they are unable to bite. Adult Crane Flies feed solely on nectar (not mosquitoes as the common name suggests). Once they become an adult, their main purpose it to mate before dying. The specimen pictured here was photographed in the Shire of Murrindindi.

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- AESOP'S FABLES

The Cock and the Pearl

A cock was once strutting up and down the farmyard among the hens when suddenly he espied something shining amid the straw. 'Ho! ho!' quoth he, 'that's for me,' and soon rooted it out from beneath the straw. What did it turn out to be but a Pearl that by some chance had been lost in the yard? 'You may be a treasure,' quoth Master Cock, 'to men that prize you, but for me I would rather have a single barley-corn than a peck of pearls.'

Precious things are for those that can prize them.

Aesop's Fables (Aesopica) are credited to a slave who is believed to have lived 620BC - 560BC. He took careful notice of events around him, and translated them into a series of short stories.

Canola oil used be called 'RAPESEED Oil' but the name was changed for marketing reasons. Canola oil comes from... rapeseed. The plant known as "rape," from a Latin word for "turnip," is domesticated crop in the widely cultivated Brassicaceae family (also known as the mustard family, the cabbage family, or cruciferous vegetables). Although has disturbing connotations today, during World War II people thought nothing of referring to "rapeseed," and the oil from those seeds was used for industrial purposes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The number one cause of daytime fatigue is lack of water.

QUOTE

Giving up smoking is the easiest thing in the world. I know because I've done it thousands of times.

Mark Twain



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