



PEOPLE AND PLACES

RUFFY ART SHOW & SALE and RUFFY OPEN GARDENS

The 2010 Ruffy Art Show and Sale will be held on the weekend of 6/7 November at the Ruffy Community Hall in the Strathbogie Ranges. Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the Ruffy Community Hall project.

The show will commence with the popular "Meet the Artists" preview on Friday 5th November at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to mingle with some of the artists who have entered paintings while enjoying a glass of local wine and finger food. Tickets for the preview are \$12 and are available on 5790 4318.

The "Artists on the Acheron", a group of artists who have been meeting regularly in and around the Buxton area for over three years, have put together a special display based on their black Saturday fire experiences which will be on show. Beth Page (Art Teacher & Therapist) has headed up the group since its inception, and all her students agree that she has provided a sense of camaraderie, support and friendship along with the great therapeutic benefits of making art.

During the weekend there will be demonstrating artists, most popular painting competition, a Ruffy produce basket raffle, activities to keep the kids amused, and locally made cakes and light refreshments available to purchase and enjoy in the courtyard. Adults \$5 admission, and children under 16 free.

If gardening is your interest, grab a mud-map at the hall and head off to see some spectacular local country gardens at their spring peak. Details of the open gardens are:

Coolalie- 129 McLeans Lane, Ruffy A beautiful re-make of an old setting. Wide verandahs for entertaining with vistas into a park like setting. This garden is created by Carolyn Blackman of Vivid Design, and incorporates copses of birch, pears trees and walled gardens and roses amongst old established trees.

Ben Darroch - 1647 Longwood Ruffy Road, Ruffy A unique 4 acre mature garden set amongst old oaks, redwoods, dogwoods and roses highlighted by strong architectural design elements including water features stone walls, vegetable gardens and a summer house. Light refreshments will be served here over the two days.

Parrindi – 134 Weibye Track, Ruffy

A large garden comprising a series of garden rooms and pathways featuring a superb laburnum arch (in full flower) a formal vegetable garden and unique barbeque area. Chooks wandering in the orchard are protected by the grazing alpacas.

Admission is \$5 for all 3 gardens. Opening hours: 10 am to 5.00 pm both days. Please leave your dogs at home Toilet facilities, including a newly built wheelchair friendly toilet, are available at the Ruffy Public Hall.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our students are so lucky, there is always something interesting happening at Highlands Primary School. In just the last week Philip Wischer has come and run an art session with the juniors making beautiful rainbows.



The army came to play games with our students as part of Exercise Jacka



Freya came and ran her music therapy programme and Brooke was here for Bounce Back. The seniors went to Ballarat for 3 days and stayed at Sovereign Hill, more on that next week.



WELCOME TO ISSUE 33

Please send articles to miranda@omnipotent.com.au or ring on 57969261

The BreastScreen Mobile van will be screening in Seymour until late January, 2011. Make an appointment by calling 13 20 50. It snowed on 28th October 2006. Thanks to Judy Cameron for this date.

THANK YOU

Jeannie, Ken, Carmen, Jodie and Joanne, would personally like to thank the local community and a special thank you to the Highlands/Caveat Rural Fire brigade for their support at this sad time. The food was incredible. Once again thanks, Jeannie

MESSAGE FROM EDWINA

Are any of you available to plant trees in the arboretum on Thursday 28th? We need muscle to help the Highlands Primary kids who will stake & bag the trees. We will provide a BBQ lunch at 1.15pm. If any of you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

RIPPING HOURS: Can you please email me at hughes.creek1@gmail.com to let me know if you have organised an excavator to come to your property and to organise an inspection. Due to the vast number of hours committed (860hours), I will only be doing inspections of properties whom have 30 hours or more committed. So anyone whom does not need an inspection can get started immediately, all of the ripping needs to be finished before the end of the year. Many Thanks, Edwina McKay

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK – Strathbogie Ranges.

Everyone is invited to join a community discussion about the establishment of a Conservation Management Network (CMN) in the Strathbogie Ranges. The CMN provides opportunities for increased capacity of Landcare and other community groups through funding opportunities and increased networks. The Goulburn Broken CMA is providing initial funding to establish this CMN.

Please join us on the 5th of November at 6:30 pm, Maygars Hill Winery 53 Longwood Mansfield Rd. Longwood East. Tea/ Coffee and supper provided. For further information and to RSVP by 1st November please phone Jenny Wilson 5820 1115.

Community What's On Calendar - October /November 2010

Fortnight beg 25th October	Terip Terip mowing roster Ken and Robyn Richards The Listers Around Clubhouse and all 4 courts
Week beg 31st October	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK Chris Head Roger Broome
Thursday 28th October	Secret Men's Business from 5.30pm Local get-together at the Caveat Church on the last Thursday of each month. Bread & Sausages provided BYO drinks. All welcome.
Friday 29th October	Last Friday of the month Tapas Night at Rocky Passes from 6pm . Please call or email to book 57969366 contact@rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 30th October	White Hart Hotel Salty Dog - bring your dancing shoes for our cup weekend special T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Sunday 31st October	Highland Ramblers walk. 10.30 am at Highlands hall. Return by 3pm. Ring Andrew for more details PH 57904297
Tuesday 2nd November	Terip Terip Annual Cup Day Chicken and Champagne Lunch. Come along and join the fun at the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve on Cup Day For further details and bookings please ring either Helen McKenzie 5790 4211 or Kate Wright 5790 4148.
Thursday 4th November	Lions Club Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit Invites you to our Annual Oaks Day Luncheon at Seymour Race Club Admission \$22.00 (tables of 10) Drinks available at the Bar (NO B.Y.O.) Door Prizes Raffles Mystery Draws Best Dressed Best Hat Sassy Shoes Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall Seymour NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR Proceeds from the day will go to Cancer research and Lions projects.
Friday 5th November:	Ruffy Art Show 7.00 pm 'Meet the Artists' Preview Tickets: \$12.00 Ph: Glen 5790 4318.
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7th	Ruffy Art Show 10am - 5pm Ruffy Art Show & Sale. Entry \$5 Children under 16 free.
Saturday 6th November	The Yea Country Market , showcasing local producers, growers and makers, is a community event with a gold coin donation entry – funds from entry to be donated to local charities each month. Many and varied stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, playground and skate park. Accompanied by a backdrop of live music, relax and enjoy a latte while taking in the ambiance and fun at this beautiful historic site – the Yea Railway Park
Thursday 11th November	Terip Terip Tennis Club BBQ. @ 6pm All welcome for a BBQ tea and hit of tennis from 6pm. Please RSVP to Cindy 5790 4226 or Sue 5790 4277
Friday 12th November	'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.
Saturday 13th November	Highlands Community Hall Working Bee. Please come along & join the hall committee for a working bee at 9am. Jobs to be done include putting the final coat of paint on the back wall of the hall, some patching inside the hall, and general weeding, pruning, brushcutting etc. A BBQ lunch will be provided.
Sunday 14th	Terip/Ruffy Uniting Church Holy Communion Service 11.15am
Saturday 20th Nov	White Hart Hotel 7.45pm - Barb Waters & the Mother of Pearl - Their songs are country smooth, sweet as honey T: 03-5798-5203 E: white.hart@bigpond.com
Saturday 20th November	DAVE PLOTEL LIVE AT GADDS We have an international jazz guitarist coming to our function centre. Early bookings will receive a free CD of Dave's. What a better way to spend an evening listening to jazz, drinking wine and being amongst friends. Ticket includes finger food and entry into the door prize. Spread the word and be here. This will be a fantastic night. Tickets are \$25 , 1 Queen St, Avenel. 8pm Playing songs from Red Hat and Red Hat 2.Ph: 03-5796 2469 Email: jo@wbgadd.com Web: www.wbgadd.com
Friday 26th Nov	Highlands Caveat Rural Fire Brigade Pre-season Meeting to be held at the Highlands Hall at 7:30pm
Saturday 27th November	STORMWATER HARVESTING FIELD DAY from 12pm - Victorian Election Day The Burnt Creek Landcare Group in conjunction with the Strathbogie Ranges branch of the Australian Plants Society is planning a field day on the capture and more efficient use of stormwater as part of a broader program called "Waterwise Living - In the Home and on the Farm". We meet at 28 Shelton Street, Avenel at 12pm for a briefing over tea/coffee and a BYO lunch. You may wish to bring a folding chair as well as a mug. Turn into Avenel at the Roadhouse, left at the next intersection then right at the Pub. Take the first turn left and around the bend to Shelton St. Number 28 (on the left) is a green-roofed white cottage and has a Landcare Sign at the gate. For further information contact Sandy MacKenzie 0411 552 426 sandymackenzie@ozemail.com.au

Classifieds & Community Notices

BEEF HEALTH MANAGEMENT COURSE

Anyone is welcome to attend a three-day course organised by Yea River Catchment Landcare Group (probably one week day every two weeks) on beef health management around March 2011.

It will be run by Dr Rod Manning (and facilitated by DPI Beef Extension Officer, Alison Desmond), who ran the Mansfield vet clinic until 2002, and who now operates a 1100-cow enterprise, comprising a 70% cow-calf and 30% steer trading and finishing operation in Mansfield, Alexandra and Benalla. The course will be held in Yea. A summary of the course is given below:
DAY 1: Introduction to diseases, Immunity, Disease type

DAY 2: (includes an on-farm component) Production managements, Heifer and reproduction efficiency, Practical activities (including OH&S, condition scoring, safe treatment techniques)
DAY 3: Integrated farming systems, Managing risk, Beef health management calendar

The workshop will be offered either through educational funding (for people who do not hold a qualification at diploma level or above) - cost is \$375 - or through FarmReady (eligible for people who hold a primary production ABN - cost is \$950, but the total can be claimed back through FarmReady).

NOTE: This course can only be run if we get around 14 people. Please could you register your interest/queries ASAP with Judy Brookes, so that we can start the wheels turning, by return email or on 57 972 563.

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BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Black-faced cuckoo-shrike

This long thin grey bird with the black face isn't a true cuckoo and doesn't deposit its eggs in other bird's nests. It's more common in our district over spring and summer as some birds move north for the winter and are just returning. It flies in a distinctive lolling pattern which makes it easy to identify at a distance.



Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike. Image from: John Gould (1804-81) The birds of Australia 1840-48. 7 vols. 600 plates Artists: J. Gould and E. Gould; Lithographer: E. Gould.

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CRICKET

Riverine Club V Wilderness Cricket Club (Combine team from round here) Saturday 6th November 11.00am at Stanley (near Beechworth) Anyone who wishes to play please contact Scott McKay 57969259 or scottmckay@activ8.net.au

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open in the following categories:

Murrindindi Citizen of the Year
Murrindindi Young Citizen of the Year
Murrindindi Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms and criteria can be found on Council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au
Nominations close on 12 November

HIGHLANDS MOWING ROSTER

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Barbara Bishop has more than 30 years experience in teaching, training and leadership. This experience has developed her understanding of people dynamics and people management and provides a great platform for her to facilitate leadership, coaching and mentoring. She trained as a teacher in Agricultural Science and completed a Bachelor of Education. Barbara is MBTI accredited, Chartered Member of the Australian Human Resource Institute, Member of Australian Institute of Management, Member of Australian Institute of Training and Development.

Robyn Richards has 12 years of teaching experience and has developed an increasing motivation for a student centered approach to teaching. She is passionate about building industry partnerships that support training with a student focus learning environment. She is also passionate about providing training to rural communities no matter how remote. As well as her industry qualifications in Agriculture and Vet nursing she has a Graduate Diploma in Vocational Education and Training and a Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Education. In 2008 she was awarded the prestige state government award of "Teacher Trainer of the Year".

4US is interested to know how they can support the Highlands and surrounding communities and would be delighted if you could completed the attached survey and post or email it to Robyn.

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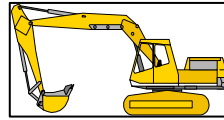
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