



## **“Spare Chair Muster”-Getting us Off the Ground at the Tablelands Community Centre.**

Five years ago Ruffy Primary School 2785 closed its door due to declining enrolments. Most of the building's contents went to other schools in the area leaving only some old readers and dusty computer monitors in the otherwise empty rooms.

For the next 4 years the community fought to prevent the building and grounds, which had a 120 year history, from being sold. With Shire of Strathbogie help and a lot of hard work by locals the Old Ruffy School, (officially called the Tablelands Community Centre) is now up and ready for action.

The plans are for the Community Centre to be as self sustaining as possible, running workshops, training programs meetings and social events. There is a problem however-at the moment there are barely enough chairs to run a Scrabble Game! The Committee is hoping that it can remedy this by organizing a giant “Spare Chair” Muster.

There is a precedent for this: in the past the Community had great success with another muster-many fondly remember the “Boot Muster, part of the Great Boot Festival held in Ruffy as part of a Regional Arts Festival. Boots came in from all corners of the state to help create a giant Land Sculpture. Many of these boots are still leading fulfilling lives in their new locations.

With the Spare Chair Muster the Committee is looking for at least 80 chairs in good condition so that it can start running sustainable programs at the “Old School”. All types of chairs are acceptable, although lounge chairs might fill up the rooms too quickly so these are best passed on elsewhere!

If these chairs are attached to a table that would also be gratefully accepted! The first big event is planned for August when a time capsule sealed in 1986 will be opened to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the original Ruffy School.

Here is an opportunity to come up and sit on your chair! The wonderful grounds also lend themselves to great outdoor functions so outdoor “Spare chairs” and settings are quite welcome too!

Chair donors are quite welcome to deliver (and register) their chairs in person to the Tablelands Community Centre on Sunday June 5th between 10 and 3 pm. On that day the Community will be holding a working bee and will be proud to show off the buildings and grounds. A free coffee will be on offer at the Produce Store across the road. If you are not able to come at that time there will

be collection points at the back of the Euroa Library on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June and Sat Morning (June 4th) and at the Highlands School on school days. If you have a few chairs to donate and can't make it to a drop off point give the committee a call! This will be the Centre's first big effort -help us “Get (our bums) off the Ground!”

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## **NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Jessica : For taking pride in everything she does, producing excellent results. Well done!

**Recognition Ceremony:** The RSVPs are increasing so far. I am hoping lots more parents and community members come along to this special celebration. Proceedings start at 10.30am with the official speeches and opening and a morning tea will follow.

**Clay tiles:** Maree and Leone are organising an art fundraising project which consists of past and present students, families, staff and community members decorating a clay tile that will then be fired and displayed somewhere at school as a lasting memory of the history of HPS. Tiles will be available on Wednesday 18th after the Recognition Ceremony for any community members to make their tile. Please pass on this information to anyone you know may be interested in decorating their own tile.

**Maths:** Thanks to Philip Wischer who came and worked with the senior students on Friday to teach them darts. Darts is a great game for subtraction and the students had great fun learning the game and practising maths at the same time.



Sharyn Shaw taught the students how to make candles. They all loved this opportunity to learn something new.

## **WELCOME TO ISSUE 13**

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Another one from Jill Davidson.

Good decisions  
come from  
wisdom,  
knowledge  
and  
experience.

Wisdom,  
knowledge  
and  
experience  
come from  
bad decisions.

Author Unknown

## **FILM SOCIETY'S MAY SCREENING**

After a well attended opener to the season in April, Murrindindi Film Society next presents an entertaining DVD double bill at the Yea Shire Chambers on Friday 20th May.

Doors will be open at 6.45 p.m. and the first screening at 7.00 p.m. will be the 1976 Australian film “Caddie”, starring Helen Morse. This is a warm and empathetic drama of a mother's struggle to raise her two children during the Great Depression. Based on an autobiography, it paints a realistic portrait of the hardships of the era and the spirit that got people through.

Following supper, the 1951 classic American drama “The African Queen” will be shown. It stars Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart as unlikely companions on a hazardous boat journey who battle a river, The Germans and each other in Africa during WW1. Adapted from a novel by C.S. Forester, this is a wonderfully colourful adventure story, with great performances by the two legendary stars.

## **HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA**

Low Structure Course to be held at Alexandra CFA Shed on Weds June 29th, July 6th Weds or Thurs July 7th at Wangarratta Training Facility, open to all CFA members. If anyone is interested please contact either Sharyn 0357904297 or Peter 03 5796 9301 asap for numbers to run this course. NB: We must have numbers to run this course so please let us know asap. Thanks, Sharyn Shaw

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2011

Week beg 23rd May	<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b> Helen Mckenzie Bernie McMahon & Sari Wawn Both sides of Springs Rd and all four courts
Week beg 22nd May	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK</b> Richard Waugh Ralph Provan
Tuesday 17th May	<b>Alexandra library</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Away with Words – Cobb and Co, the truth behind the legend. Evening 7-8
Friday 20th May	<b>PLAYBACK THEATRE</b> - Come along and enjoy a FREE live theatre experience with Playback is a professional theatre company of many years standing whose actors transform stories into LIVE action theatre before your very eyes, a remarkable experience, not to be missed Alexandra Shire Hall 8pm Bookings 57720349
Wednesday 25th May until Sunday 12th	Jill Maclean's latest exhibition is to be held at 69 Smith St Gallery at 69 Smith St Fitzroy Opening: Thursday 26th May 6-8pm with brief formalities at 7pm. This exhibition is a photographic installation using photography and textiles with an emphasis on family issues.
Saturday 21st May	The Rotary Club of Yea presents the annual <b>Murrindindi Music Hall</b> at Yea Shire Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Music, song, dance and comedy starring the Yea BC News, Michael Sier, Briannon Dodds, Jerry Kellock, The Four Fathers, Don McQueen and many more sensational acts. A night full of laughter and amazing local talent
Wednesday 25th May	<b>Murrindindi Shire Council</b> will consider its deferred 2011-12 draft Budget at Alexandra. The meeting, which will also see the tabling of the Council Plan incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan, will take place at 11am. "While every Budget is important, the 2011-12 draft Budget process has been significant because of key findings contained in the strategic resource plan which highlights a growing gap in Council's ability to meet longer term maintenance and infrastructure costs across our shire," Cr Beales said. "Our community wants to see a financially strong organisation that has put processes in place to meet financial demands into the future. We believe that our discussions and presentation at the Council meeting will highlight the enormous amount of work that has gone into developing the 2011-12 draft budget and associated documents."
May 26th & 27th	Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE, Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and Ag Concepts (ACU) invite you to register for the popular ' <b>Confident Livestock Marketing</b> ' workshop. The two day workshop will give lamb and beef producers an insight into information to assist with making enterprise specific, confident livestock marketing decisions, including: buying and selling options, market sources and their features, market reliability, trading strategies, seasonality in livestock markets, interpreting prices and trends. Facilitated by Robert Herrmann from Ag Concepts Unlimited; an independent specialist agricultural advisory service focusing on the financial enhancement of agricultural enterprises; the workshop will equip prime lamb producers to make informed livestock trading decisions by recognizing trading opportunities and associated risks through the use of reliable, relevant and timely market information. Workshop details: Venue: Euroa - "Butterfactory" Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm Cost : \$200 for educational funded eligible participants and \$250 for ineligible participants, includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and course materials. The workshop is aligned to the Diploma level competency from the Rural Production Training Package. For further information please contact GOTAFE Industry Trainer Robyn Richards: Ph 0407358191 <a href="mailto:richards@4upskilling.com.au">richards@4upskilling.com.au</a>
Friday 27th May	<b>Whitehead's Creek Landcare Group</b> What's happening to the weather? Is the climate really changing? 6.00PM, at the Whitehead's Creek Hall The Landcare group will be presenting Greg Smith long time project manager for the VFF who will lead a discussion on the issues of the weather and climate as we are experiencing it now. He has a Masters Degree in Rural Science and has a good understanding of the vast array of climate statistics available to us. On the same evening Janet Hagen, Landcare coordinator extraordinaire will be giving a presentation on Conservation Management Networks as previously announced which will have implications and opportunities for us in this Landcare District. This a dinner presentation with fabulous desert on offer. As it is sponsored by the VFF, it will be free. To RSVP call 57924212, or email <a href="mailto:carger@aussiebroadband.com.au">carger@aussiebroadband.com.au</a>
Sunday 29th May	<b>FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AFTERNOON</b>  <b>Come along and join in singing, games and afternoon tea. Everyone welcome</b> <b>2pm Ruffy-Terip Uniting Church Hall. Your local church sharing with the community. For further information contact Verena ph: 57904309 or Susan ph: 57904333</b>
Sunday 29th May	 <b>Blue Times Blue</b> at The White Hart Hotel 4.30pm 63 Hill Street, Longwood 3665 T-03-57985203 E- <a href="mailto:white.hart@bigpond.com">white.hart@bigpond.com</a> Bookings essential Return taxis- Price per person \$10 Euroa/ Avenel / Longwood East \$15 Nagambie \$20 Seymour/ Violet Town
Monday 30th	<b>Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade</b> -post season meeting at the Ruffy Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 5th June	<b>"Tableland Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Chair Muster "</b> between 10am and 3 pm.
Friday 10th June	<b>Drinks on the Deck'</b> 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.

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## FISHING FOR HEALTHIER OPTIONS

Researchers worldwide have discovered that eating fish regularly – one or two serves weekly – may reduce the risk of diseases ranging from childhood asthma to prostate cancer. Fish is low in fat, high in protein and an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids.

Regular consumption of fish can reduce the risk of various diseases and disorders. Cardiovascular disease – eating fish every week reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke by reducing blood clots and inflammation, improving blood vessel elasticity, lowering blood pressure, lowering blood fats and boosting 'good' cholesterol.

Dementia – elderly people who eat fish or seafood at least once a week may have a lower risk of developing dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

Depression – people who regularly eat fish have a lower incidence of depression (depression is linked to low levels of omega-3 fatty acids in the brain).

Best examples of oily fish are fresh Atlantic salmon, smoked salmon, canned salmon, sardines and fresh rainbow trout.

### Sustainable fish shopping

All fishing has some impact, but some fish choices are far better than others. Some fish types may be overfished, associated with by-catch of birds or mammals (long lines used to catch swordfish also snare turtles, sharks, dolphins and seabirds), or may be killed in the process of commercial fishing for other species.

The Australian Marine Conservation Society has a great guide to sustainable fish on their website - [www.amcs.org.au/](http://www.amcs.org.au/) Source: Better Health Channel [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) Yea Community Health - Yea & District Memorial Hospital – phone 5736 0410

## OLIVES FREE FOR U PICKING

Janet Demartinis has several olive trees that are ripe for picking from now over the next couple of months, if anyone wants to come and pick themselves for free. She is about 10 km from Broadford. The varieties and numbers of trees she has are:

3 of VC13A6 table olive

4 of Manzanilla dual purpose olive

3 of Barouni pickling

3 of Mission oiling/dual purpose If you are interested, contact Janet on ph 5784 3443 or email

[<janetdemartinis@bigpond.com>](mailto:janetdemartinis@bigpond.com)

Cheers, Paul Macgregor ph 5797 0229

## WHAT IS THE BLACK MARKET?

The Black Market is a monthly local informal food exchange and "open garden". You can bring your own home-grown excess veggies, fruit, etc to swap or sell, or produce you've made yourself such as preserves, bread, jam, pickles, etc. If you don't grow or make your own, you can come to the Black Market and buy from those who do. The Black Market is also open to local people who grow commercial produce (e.g. olives, nuts) on a small scale.

The upcoming dates of the Black Markets are:

Saturday 4th June - Caro Morris and Mark South's straw bale house and garden, near Tyaak

Saturday 9th July - Richard and Kunie's, at 'Abdalallah House', Seymour

## BEWARE of SCAM PHONE SURVEYS WHICH LEAD TO OTHER SCAM CALLS

SCAMwatch is warning Australians to be alert to scam telephone surveys which gather your personal and banking information and use it to make future scam phone calls you receive appear legitimate.

Within a few weeks you may get a second scam call. The second scam caller may try to convince you that they are legitimate by using the personal details you gave them during the telephone survey.

They may seem convincing because they know which bank you are with, which branch you bank at, and the starting digits of your bank account number.

Thanks to Kenneth Howson for sending this information.

## HIGHLANDS and CAVEAT CFA MUDBASH FIREWOOD

Thanks to, Cullum, Pete, Peter, Susan, Ray D, Ray F, Mat, his brother Braydon (and his son), Steve, Roger, Scott, Sammy, Rick, Gatsey and his newly discovered son Peter for three parts filling the woodshed at Mafeking Park.

BUT we need to fill the woodshed before the Mudbash

On Sunday 29th May there will be another working bee between 9.00-12.00 midday. If you can volunteer please contact Les Gates on 57969242

## BITS OF BOTANY AND

### Hazel Pomaderris Pomaderris aspera

This smallish to medium sized tree grows as a mid storey in gullies and damper forests. Its soft leaves are up to 140mm long and 40-50mm wide. They are dark green on top, much paler below, slightly hairy with prominent indented veins. The tiny greeny-cream flowers grow in large clusters.



## HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE NOTICE

Next Meeting of the HCCC will be on 7.00 pm Friday the first of July at Rocky Passes tapas provided.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Landcare single tyne ripper (last seen at Peter Roberts) please contact Scott McKay 57969259.

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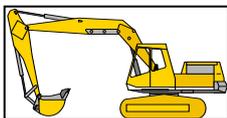
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