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PEOPLE AND PLACES

"Handmade" returns to Yea

It all started a few years ago, I was wondering what I going to do with my stash of fabric (years ago I was told that she who dies with the most wins, well I was trying to win !) maybe I could sell it, rent a space somewhere in Yea, get some friends involved, so that's how it all started.

Jeni and I would spin at the Yea market and sell our goods over winter but it was so cold, so last year I rented The Mudpuddle and "Handmade" was on its way.

This year we have Jennifer Keast with her quirky Apronology range, Michelle Forbes with her fabulous felted Wraps, Carmel's groovy handspun & hand dyed socks, Burnside botanicals with all the beautiful handmade

soaps, gorgeous children's hand knits from Sages Cottage,

Jenny's lovely wooden bread boards, hand painted silk scarves, lots of handspun yarns and plenty more, so if you are in Yea drop in and have a look.

"Handmade" located at the Mudpuddle, 92 High St Yea

Open: Thursday ~ Sunday, 10am~4pm Closing Sunday the 19th of August

Any enquires please call Christine 57 97 0226 or Jeni 57 97 2901

And the fabric is still in the cupboard!

By Christine & all from "Handmade"



FOX AND WILD DOG COLLECTION SCHEDULE JUNE

Next round of collection points will be open as follows: Benalla: Wednesday 20th June 10;30-12;30 FOX ONLY Broadford: Thursday 21st June 10;30-12;30 FOX ONLY

Mansfield: Wednesday 20th June 2;30-4;30 FOX AND WILD DOG For terms and conditions please visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au

MUDBASH SUCCESS

Mudbash, the Victorian Rovers Scouts biggest event of the year was held at Mafeking Rover Park this Queen's Birthday Long weekend.

The event attracted over 800 Rovers for the weekend, with a similar number of visitors for the Open Day on Sunday taking full advantage of the beautiful weather. Open Day activities included abseiling, a bouldering wall and jumping castle, Hot Laps in the Mudbash buggies, CAMS Junior Development Program as well as many competitions and give- aways.

The Mudbash Committee visited Highlands Primary School on Friday afternoon to display a Mudbash buggy and give out free tickets for the Open Day, allowing the students to see what Mudbash and Scouting is all about.



The 2012 event also celebrated the 40th year of Mudbash, so there were several festivities to celebrate this anniversary. These included a Mudbash Museum, historic car parade, celebratory cake and a race to pit the past event Chairmen against each other on the track. Mudbash 2012 was a great success and the committee would like to thank Mafeking Rover Park and the local community for their support.

By Lachlan Preston



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WELCOME TO ISSUE 17

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There will be no Granite News from the 17th June to the 8th July.

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Hi, My name is Beau, I operate a Concreting Small Business based in Euroa and would like to tell you a little bit about myself and what I do. I have extensive experience in the Concreting Industry. Before starting up on my own early last year, I previously worked for a large concreting company, in which I have worked on sites big and small, doing a variety of different jobs. I have a current OHS Construction Induction Certificate. I specialize in a variety of work, including: Driveways, Patios, Shed slabs, footpaths and lots more, I am contactable 7 days per week on the above number. Servicing my local area and surrounds, I pride myself on prompt, friendly, but professional service. Please give me a call and we can discuss any jobs that you may have in mind, as I offer a free, no obligation Quote. Thanks for your time. Beau Fruend.

UPDATE ON "FOX ON THE RUN" COMP

Registrations closed for entrants in the Hughes Creek Catchments' "fox on the run comp" on the 1st of June. We had many teams register, hunting in various parts of the catchment and some keen to take advantage of being able to claim the fox bounty from the DPI and at the same time collect tails for the comp.

On behalf of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative we would like to thank all the entrants and wish them good luck, It will be fantastic to have a total count of foxes hunted and to see a drastic reduction in the number of foxes in our area. Happy Hunting!!!.

By Simone Ulstrup

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - JUNE/JULY 2012	
Week beg 17th June	Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster Craig & Jenny Murphy Brian & Gail Van Rooyen
Saturday 16th June	DETOX YOUR HOME Are you wondering how to get rid of all the old chemicals you have lying around the home? We are encouraging all residents to take advantage of the 'Detox your Home' program which is coming at the Yea Saleyards . This free service allows you to safely dispose of old cleaning products, paint, dead batteries and even weed killer stored around the home without putting a strain on the environment. On the day, simply bring along your containers for disposal between 1.30pm – 4.30pm and you won't even need to leave your car. There will be instructions and directional signage at the site. Bring as few or as many products as you like but please ensure that the containers are no more than 20 litres or 20 kilograms. For a full listing of what is acceptable for disposal visit www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au.
Tuesday 19th June	Visit Vietnam at the Alexandra Library Vietnam is one of the oldest cultures on East Asia; it can side-swipe you with its diversity, colour, bustling bazaars, tranquil retreats and vibrant culture of dragons. Returning to Vietnam after 3 years placed John Branton in a wonderful position to gauge the rate of change in Vietnam. As the Vietnamese struggle with their new found freedoms and wealth, some things improve and some things fall by the wayside. Fortunately the food of Vietnam remains a true and vital ingredient for any traveler to this land of verdant contrasts. Join John at the Alexandra Library for a foodies tour of Vietnam as we examine the nature of change in a developing country. A real treat for everyone, John is a cooking institution and famous for his Asian cooking. Yummy yum cha Alexandra Library 1pm. Bookings 57720382
Tuesday 19th June	Regional Catchment Strategy Forums Yea Goulburn Broken CMA Office, Yea 1:00pm to 3:00pm .We have spoken to people around the catchment about issues for local communities and the environment. Now we want to get your input to see if we are on the right track. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat with others from your community. Check out our progress at www.WeConnect.gbcma.vic.gov.au For more information or to RSVP for catering purposes please contact Goulburn Broken CMA on 03 5820 1100 or via reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au
Thursday 21st June	CARBON FARMING ROADSHOW- SHEPPARTON Would you like to know more about the Carbon Farming Initiative? A free event is to be held in Shepparton where industry experts will discuss practical opportunities in Carbon Farming. RSVP is essential due to limited numbers by Monday 18th June. Please contact: Phone: GBCMA on 03) 5736 0100 Email: chrisb@gbcma.vic.gov.au
Friday 22nd June	Winter Solstice Celebration with a Difference: Free Dinner at the Ruffy Hall from 6.00 pm. Everybody with an interest in Ruffy's future is invited to take part in this community engagement evening organised by the Ruffy Community Action Group and facilitated by Liz Scarfe from the Shire of Strathbogie. Over a delicious meal and drinks we will reflect on what makes Ruffy a great place to live in or to visit, and how we can make it an even better place. Look out for further details here or call Verena on 5790 4309! (Please note: this event replaces the 'Ruffy Happy Hour' for this month.)
Saturday 23rd June	Community Tree Planting Morning at the Burge Family Reserve, Gobur. The committee of the Burge Family reserve, a grassy woodland property which has been donated to Trust for Nature invite you to join us in planting shrubs to boost the biodiversity of the property. When 10:00am to 1:00pm Where Gobur Kanumbra rd (opposite the entrance to the property "Brilliant") about 2kms from the Maroondah Hwy. Bring gloves and a chair Lunch provided RSVP Shelagh Curmi Trust for Nature shelaghc@tfn.org.au , 0407521154.
Tuesday 26th June	Understanding and Managing the On-going Effects of Long Term Stress Another evening with Dr Rob Gordon Due to popular demand, clinical psychologist Dr Rob Gordon is back to continue his discussion around understanding and managing on-going stress. 7:00pm – 10:00pm Yea Golf Club Bring Your Friends and Family Light refreshments will be provided Admission is free, but for catering purposes please RSVP to Bridget Clarke 5736 0479 clarkeb@humehealth.org.au . Numbers are limited so register a.s.a.p.
Thursday 28th June	HIGHLANDS / CAVEAT Rural Fire Brigade AGM (election of office bearers) @ 19:30 @ Highlands Fire Shed Office Everyone urged to attend the meeting so we have a quorum.
Friday 29th June	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Acoustica – lunchtime library music concert with superbusker Tom Kelly 12.30 – 1.30
Saturday 30th June	STONE TOOLS OF THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES • BBQ Lunch • Taungurung campfire discussion • Stone tool workshop • Local 'collections' • Local stories • RSVP essential, limited numbers. Our aim on the day is to learn about, share and explore these fascinating stone artifacts. If you have artifacts and want to learn more about them, bring them along, then take them home again for safe-keeping. No one will make any claims on items you bring along, or where they come from. For more, call: Janet (5790 4268), or Bert (5790 8606), or visit strathbogierangescmn.com/ Presented by the Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network and the Euroa Arboretum, in collaboration with the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.
Saturday 14th July	Terip Terip Annual Community Dinner at the Recreation Reserve commencing at 6.30 pm, \$20 per head or \$50 per family. 50's and 60's Rock and Roll theme. Prizes for the best dressed female and male rockers. Everyone welcome. Come along and enjoy a yummy casserole dinner and wonderful company. Bring your dancing shoes and rock along to the great music provided by Jimmy Davidson.

Classifieds & Community Notices

LEGAL LIABILITIES TRAINING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The next session on the Strathbogie Shire Council's Community Training Calendar is all about the legal liabilities for people on community committees. The training calendar is a series of relaxed, free workshops specifically for those who volunteer in community groups in the Shire. The Legal Liabilities workshop will be delivered by the Public Interest Legal Clearing House (PILCH), who specialise in legal advice and training at the grassroots level. It will provide participants with a good understanding of their legal responsibilities when performing their committee role, plus a copy of PILCH's Guide to the Legal Duties of Not-forprofit Committee Members in Victoria to share with other committee members and to refer back to when needed. 29th June Bookings are essential -Liz Scarfe on 5795 0161 or info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

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Dear Readers,

I felt that possibly an opportunity exists, where we can contribute our own bit of road safety advice. About 10.00 pm. Thursday evening two very distraught voung ladies were at our front door. They had been involved in a car accident, and could we help. It turns out that the Caveat Church corner has yet claimed another victim! The girl driving was on probationary plates, and only had the car for three weeks. Her intention was to gain some experience of varied driving conditions. They were from town. Neither occupants were injured! Had the impact point been 300m.m. further forward, we would have been witnessing a far different situation altogether!, It does not seem that excessive speed was involved. Only a lack of night-time traffic sign identification knowledge and driving skills. The point I am trying to make is new drivers should be far more in tune as to what road signs identify, and able to make split second decisions when confronted with them.

From John and Jan Sporry

HERITAGE STUDY

The Murrindindi Shire Council has completed a Heritage Study to ensure that heritage places are properly documented and protected for the future. The study was adopted by Council on 27 February 2012. A full copy of the adopted study, including all the citations, is available on the Murrindindi Shire Council website, and at all Council offices.

When funding becomes available, Council will commence the amendment process, and all affected property owners will be notified. Contact the planning department on 5772 0317 for more information in relation to the heritage study.

BOOK REVIEW

The Artemis Fowl titles - Eoin Colfer

Eoin Colfer is the author of the highly popular anti-hero Artemis Fowl. So far there have been six books about his villainous exploits. All have been great, fast-paced reads. If you enjoy reading quirky adventure novels with well-drawn characters and a great sense of humour then this series is for you. Other titles by Colfer are also worth a read. For years 5-8.

By Pauline Roberts

STRAYING STOCK A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN

Murrindindi Shire Council will issue fines of up to \$2,000 to landholders who continue to let their stock wander on to major highways and roads. Council's General Manager Sustainability Michael Chesworth said more than 20 calls had been received in the last month to remove stock from some of the shire's busiest roads.



Above is one of the stone artifacts found in the local area. This is on display at the Euroa Arboretum as part of the STONE TOOLS OF THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES workshop.

BLACKBERRIES – A COMMUNITY SOLUTION THROUGH ACTION GROUPS

Rubus Fruticosus sounds like something quite entrancing but in reality it is the common blackberry, a noxious weed and the scourge of many local landowners, even public land management agencies.

But following a public meeting attended by forty local landowners and interested parties from throughout the Murrindindi Shire and held in Yea last week a Landcare community project, in fact a Blackberry Action Group, seems likely to be unleashed to reduce the infestation of blackberries and reclaim what is usually productive farm land or even road sides, reserves and plantations.

The first movers in the new Action Group project seem likely to be Landcare groups based at Merton and Strath Creek - Flowerdale where there are significant infestations.

Most Landcare groups are able to appoint a project officer who works often a couple of days a week for three to four months of the year to liaise with property owners, encourage action and provide resources.

Victoria's Department Primary Industry has the Victorian Blackberry Task Force (VBTF) which provides a support role and resources to local community groups.

The Yea meeting heard how Victoria now has six (soon to be eight) community management groups working on the blackberry problem.

Strath Creek farmer and Landcare leader Terry Hubbard has recently been appointed as a director of the VBTF so he was also to provide some local insights and encouragement.

Community Blackberry Action Groups function quite separately from the DPI whose role is to provide advice and resources.

Weeds like blackberries are the responsibility of the landowner and the body of evidence shows that the identification of the problem, creating community interest and activity, combined with the resources than can be obtained from local Landcare or the DPI leads to a reduction in the problem. Speaking on behalf of local Landcare groups Terry Hubbard said it seemed to be important to start slowly and locally and he anticipated that the Community Blackberry Action Group approach could work cohesively and successfully throughout our local Shire.

Extract from John Kennedy's article



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