



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Butterfly Week Flutters into the Strathbogies.

The magical beauty of butterflies and moths has captured everyone's imagination for generations. In Spring they emerge from their cocoons and take flight in search of mates and food. The Strathbogie Ranges Butterfly Festival offers opportunities to learn more about the lifecycles of these marvelously adaptive creatures that play an important part of our local ecosystems.

The festival begins with a Lepidoptera Art Exhibition at the new Sheila.Inc Gallery in, Binney Street. Euroa. Works inspired by the theme of Lepidoptera ( moths and butterflies ) will be on display. Twenty local artists have contributed to this exhibition. The exhibition will extend to a display of some splendid butterfly themed art by local school children at the Euroa Library.

Many art works are for sale.

Prizes will be awarded to the pieces best portraying theme of "Lepidoptera, biodiversity and the natural environment",

The public is invited to attend the opening of this exhibition on Saturday 17th November from 6pm - 7.30pm . Meet the artists and enjoy drinks and nibbles. Bookings through the Euroa Library or by contacting Penny Algar 0439 38132. This exhibition will be open to the public from 17th November until 24th November.

Move straight from the Art Exhibition opening to a Free Musical Evening at the Old Flour Mill, Kirkland Ave, Euroa. Saturday 17th November 7.30pm Share a concert of Lepidoptera inspired music. Performances will include Baroque, Renaissance, Contemporary and Jazz music performed by Ray Thomas & Friends Recorder Ensemble featuring Peter Hagen on harpsichord. It will be followed by 'Old Hat' a swinging 1920's to 1940's jazz quartet. Booking via Euroa Library, Janet Hagen 57904268 or SMS 0498743479

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Sunday 18th November

Take a coach trip the Butterfly House at the Melbourne Zoo. Enjoy a guided tour behind the scenes. Families are encouraged to participate in this excursion. \$20 per adult covers bus and zoo entry. Departs Euroa 8am returns 6pm. 45 people max. RSVP Bertram Lobert 57 908606 or SMS 0498743479

Monday 19th November . Join an

afternoon 'Butterfly Walk' to the beautiful and little known Faithfulls Creek Falls, presented by Sheans Creek Landcare. Meet at 4pm at 'Glenmaye' 323 Dip Lane Balmattum. RSVP Chrys -5795908

On Wednesday 21st November Relax in the dark at the old Ruffy School for a night- time mothing experience This event is hosted by Hughes Creek Landcare. Light Refreshments will be supplied by Ruffy Produce Store . 8pm to 10pm.Contact Janet Hagen 57 904268

Whiteheads Creek Landcare Group are organizing a 'Butterflies in the Bush Day with Seymour's Schools at the Lighthouse Park.

Saturday 24th Butterfly Festival Day at the Euroa Arboretum is a family event featuring lots of fun with the performing Connies , children's face painting and wing making, games, gardening presentations , butterfly displays and BBQ lunch . 10am -2pm

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## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Luke** : For excellent behaviour and participation at Wednesday's beach excursion. Well done!

**HPS Concert:** Students have started work on the 2012 School Concert. This year's concert is 'The Adventures of Cuthbert and Nigel' and follows the expedition of these two office clerks. Susan has again written this terrific play and comes to school a couple of times a week to take rehearsals. The concert will be on Wednesday 12th December at the hall.



The excursion to Williamstown beach was lots of fun. The ferry from Southgate to Williamstown is really worth doing as you see the city from such a different angle. It all went like clockwork until the 2.36 train from Melbourne to Seymour disappeared off the schedule with no explanation, leaving us with 22 tired children on the platform! How can VLine do that?!!

## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

Week 181h November	<b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Mowing Roster</b> Peter Short & Betty Jenkins Max & Joan Eddy
Week 18th November	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK -TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE</b> <b>TRUCK ROSTER</b> Scott James Rob Wales
Wednesday 14th November	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE</b> There will be training sessions run every Wednesday night. Members must attend a training session to be classed as component for this coming fire season. All sessions will be from 7pm til 9pm, Sharyn 0437281072 or Les 57969265
Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November	<b>INAUGURAL RIDE YEA TO MANSFIELD YEAighty k's</b> has been created to allow all levels of rider to enjoy the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail. It is our vision this will be a yearly event for singles, couples and families within a non compete environment. We hope to provide a higher awareness not only of the rail trail, but the beautiful scenery, shops and facilities along the way. The rides will vary but the mileage each day will stay around 80kms which now explain the name! For more information about cost and conditions contact <a href="mailto:markspencer07@bigpond.com">markspencer07@bigpond.com</a>
Saturday 17th November	<b>WORKING BEE HIGHLANDS HALL.</b> There will be a 'small' working bee at the Highlands Hall from 9.00am to generally tidy up before the 'Big' Bike Ride event on the 25th. We need to mow, whipper snip, sweep and clean to make sure everything looks ship shape. For more information contact Judy C on 5796 9247.
Saturday 17th November	<b>MARNEY MCQUEEN</b> IS COMING TO SIZZLE IN HER HIT CABARET SHOW IN TALLAROOK FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY! at the Tallarook Mechanics Institute at 8pm. Buy tickets on TRYBOOKING <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/35524">http://www.trybooking.com/35524</a> This show is an hilarious look at her time as a single girl in the big gay musicals, Priscilla and Hairspray Single tickets \$35 pp Concession \$30 Fully licenced bar. Bring a plate of nibbles for your table. Doors open 7pm. Details at <a href="http://www.tallarookfarmersmarket.com.au">www.tallarookfarmersmarket.com.au</a> or call Louise 0413050761
Saturday 17th November	THE SOUND OF MUSIC – PRESENTED BY SEYMOUR PERFORMERS WORKSHOP Seymour Community Arts Centre Saturday, November 17th at 8.00pm, Sunday, November 18th at 2.00pm, Friday, November 23rd at 8.00pm, Saturday, November 24th at 8.00pm, Sunday, November 25th at 2.00pm, Tickets booked on 0406 718 327, email to <a href="mailto:lejinsgp@dodo.com.au">lejinsgp@dodo.com.au</a> or at the door. Adults \$20 each, Children/Concession \$15
November 17 and 18	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> “Your Sister’s Sister” 90 mins 4 stars (M) Comedy / Drama This is basically a ‘three hander’ starring Emily Blunt, Mark Duplass and Rosemary Dewitt who have used their innate skills to improvise some of the scenes. The story.....Jack has lost his brother and his best friend offers her holiday home as a place for him to escape. However, her sister happens to be there and over a bottle of tequila they find an understanding which leads to some complicated moments down the track. The film has honesty, humour and some scenes that are very real. Some light relief after the suspense of the previous movie and before the next one.....
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November 24 and 25	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> “Looper” 118 mins 3.5 stars (MA) Action / Sci Fi This is a difficult movie to describe .... It involves time travel (60 years forward and then 30 years back), criminal organisations, unwanted bodies, undercover agents, victims and a big bag of suspense which many people just love! Challenging, intriguing and definitely unusual, the movie stars Jeff Daniels, Bruce Willis, Emily Blunt and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. This has rated extremely well in all reviews but it is up to you to decide what makes an exciting movie and one worth coming out to see! We aim to please!
Sunday 25th November	<b>'RIDE WITH YOUR HEROES'</b> . 1000 push bike riders will arrive very hungry at the Highlands Hall for lunch. Yes! 1000 riders! This will be a great fundraiser for the Highlands community. If you would like to help us prepare 1000 salad rolls & barbecued sausages on that day please contact Judy Cameron (5796 9247) or Judy Reid (5796 9358).
Friday 30th November	<b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS</b> Last tapas nights for 2012: Enjoy tapas and wine and music in the courtyard at Rocky Passes from 6:30 pm. Extended bar license. To book, please call 57969366 or email <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a>
Nov 30th - 2nd December	<b>COMMONGROUND FESTIVAL</b> Be inspired, be energised, celebrate! After the success of our first festy in 2011, Commonground Festival is back for 2012! This is a music festival for social change movers and shakers, and those who want to be part of something different. Two days and nights of rockin' live music, inspiring workshops and frolicking fun, set on beautiful regenerated bushland near Seymour, one hour north of Melbourne. The event is fully organised and run by volunteers, and all funds raised support Commonground's work to create a just, sustainable and non-violent world. More about Commonground and the Groupwork Institute of Australia. For the latest announcements, 'like' us at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/commongroundfestival">www.facebook.com/commongroundfestival</a>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BOOK REVIEW

### Up on cloud nine – Anne Fine

Anne Fine has been writing books for children, as well as adults for many years now and was the Children's Laureate in Britain in 2001-2003.

Her stories always contain heaps of humour, but at the same time introduce the younger reader to some difficult concepts or situations. Up on Cloud Nine is no exception, dealing as it does with the issues of adolescent depression, parental abdication and adoption. Ian's best mate, Stolly, has always followed the beat of a different drum and this means that he looks at life in a totally different way to his friends. As a result he has numerous accidents, thinks about the most bizarre ideas – including a preoccupation with death – and sees no distinction between his teachers and his peers.

This trip to hospital is because he has fallen out the attic window...fallen or jumped? As Ian waits for his friend to regain his consciousness he takes the reader with him on a journey of discovery.

By Pauline Roberts

## FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Mitchell Shire Council will accept green waste free of charge at Broadford, Pyalong and Seymour Waste Transfer Stations until Friday 30 November.

This service is for Mitchell Shire residents only. ID required. Contact: Waste Management Coordinator 5734 6200

## WANTED

### Butterfly & Moth Collections

Pinned specimens, photographs, or local lists,  
Historic or contemporary,  
From the Goulburn Broken Catchment, Victoria,  
For documentation or display on Festival Day (24.11.12) at the Strathbogie Ranges Butterfly Festival.

For more information visit <http://www.strathbogierangescmn.com/>

or contact Bertram Lobert 5790 8606, or [bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au](mailto:bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au)

## FOR SALE

Electrolux LP Gas/Electric 2 door refrigerator (169.5 litres)/ freezer (47.6 litres) in good condition. Contact Stuart & Judy on 5796 9358.

## A STICKY WEED PROBLEM!!

### CATCHWEED/BEDSTRAW/ CLEAVERS (Galium aparine)

Catchweed bedstraw (Galium aparine) is an annual weed that can be found throughout most of the world. It is known by many names including cleavers, bedstraw, stickywilly, and "sticky weed.". It is often an early colonizer of waste places, roadsides, and other disturbed sites; however, it also can be a major weed of crops such as cereals and hay as well as in the home and vegetable gardens.

Mature "sticky weed" has stems up to 6 feet long that are square in profile, especially near the tips. It often forms dense, tangled mats that sprawl on the ground or over other vegetation. Leaves are whorled and small, downward-curved prickles cover both the stem and leaves. These hairlike structures are responsible for the characteristic tangled growth habit and attachment of plant parts to clothing and animals; they also aid in dispersal. Small, four-parted, white or greenish-white flowers are borne on the upper part of the plant

"Sticky weed" has a slender taproot and sprawling stems, and can tolerate freezing temperatures while in the vegetative growth stage. This fast growing weed can flower in as little as eight weeks after germination; the flowers are self-pollinated and usually set seed in late spring to mid-summer. Individual plants typically produce 100 to 400 seeds, with some plants producing 3,000 or more seeds. The seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to three years.

### Control

Long-term control relies on removing existing plants before they flower and produce viable seed. Hand hoeing or weed pulling can be very effective, especially in the early spring when soil is damp.

For any further information or info sheets please contact Simone at [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com).



## A FERAL FEAST- CHINESE STYLE CHILLI RABBIT

(Recipe taken from [www.bestrecipes.com.au](http://www.bestrecipes.com.au))

500g Rabbit pieces, washed  
2 tbs oil  
1 ½ tbs fermented black beans, mashed  
1 ½ tbs soy  
1 tbs sugar  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp Sichuan peppercorns crushed  
3 tbs chilli oil  
4 spring onions finely chopped

### STOCK

2 spring onions  
2 slices of ginger  
1 tbs rice wine  
1 tbs soy sauce  
600ml water

Boil rabbit pieces in water for 5 minutes, remove rinse and discard water.

Pour the ingredients for the stock into a pan and add rabbit pieces, bring to the boil, cover and simmer until the rabbit is cooked (approx. 40 mins).

Remove the rabbit from the stock, allow to cool and shred the meat from the bones.

Heat the oil in the wok and stir fry the black beans for 30 seconds, add soy sauce, sugar, salt and pepper, chilli oil and the shredded rabbit. Mix together quickly over high heat and serve immediately, garnished with the spring onions From Simone Ulstrup

## DRINKS ON THE DECK

There will be no Drinks on the Deck in December. The Community Christmas Breakup will be on the 7th December, see you all there. The next Drinks on the Deck will be Friday 11th January 2013

## SOMEONE ISN'T DOING THE RIGHT THING

Andrew and Michel Summons have a very basic tin shed at Ruffy, the shed is between Good Morning Bill and Mt Tickatory. Recently an old adze (a kind of axe) and a wombat trap were removed from the shed. Attached to the wombat trap are the keys from the Ruffy Hotel, which Andrew found after the hotel burnt down in the 1960s. These three items are of great sentimental value to Andrew, he grew up on his parents' farm at Ruffy and he rode his horse to the Ruffy School when he was a young boy. If the remover feels inclined, we would love to see these items put back in our shed!

With thanks, Michel

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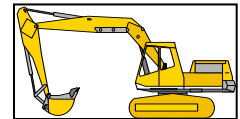
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