



CONVERSATIONS

CALLUM'S GOT US COVERED

Australia's ageing population is no more evident than in rural communities such as our own Tablelands district.

There is a genuine concern about the long term sustainability of the Australian rural culture when there are fewer young people choosing to learn, live and work in the regions to which they've been born.

Callum Lawson is one of Netta & Les Lawson's four children and it is young people like him who provide a vitally important ingredient for the future of our district.

He has a firm handshake, he looks you in the eye when he speaks and, refreshingly, he shows genuine interest in other people by asking questions.

Twenty five year old Callum was born to his parents' Highlands home and he was a primary student at our local Highlands Primary School. His secondary schooling at Seymour Tech was an excellent grounding for his pursuit of a trade and although he initially thought that he'd like to become a Boilermaker, his father Les encouraged him to apply for an apprenticeship with William Adams as a Diesel Mechanic. Callum beat 400 applicants for the position and he went on to complete his apprenticeship and serve for 7 years with the company.

As a youngster he got to know the Highlands area very well and he has capitalised on his understanding of the lay of the local land by creating his own earthmoving business with his first machine, a 12 tonne excavator. Not content to sit back and rely solely on his new business, Callum also plies his trade as a diesel mechanic with Iluka Resources at their Ouyen mineral sands operation where he works rotational weekly shifts.

In his spare time he works with his Dad building sheds and he is also 3rd Lieutenant in the CFA's Highlands Rural Fire Brigade.

When asked why he has chosen not to chase the big money in the remote WA and Qld mining areas Callum is quick to point out that he feels an almost spiritual connection to the Highlands district and he could never relax if he was so far away, particularly during summer fire danger periods.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Jessica



For being an outstanding leader during the Seymour Kinder visit. Well done!

Boite: Thursday's Coco De Mer concert was a huge success. Thank you to all students for their commitment to this project. A huge thank you to Maree, Bridget and Kathleen who took responsibility for our students on the trip to Melbourne. Each year students and parents rave about this opportunity and I encourage all students to be involved next year.

Somers Camp: Kaylam and Luke thoroughly enjoyed their time at Somers Camp. Their feedback about the activities and food was very positive although their highlight was the fact that they made so many new friends. What a terrific opportunity these boys have. By Meagan Callander-Principal



When we have solid young citizens like Callum Lawson we can relax; the future is in good hands.

By Don Cook



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READERS' WRITES

"Thanks for another very interesting GN. I liked the picture of the 'Old Man!'"—Verena Weinmann, Ruffy

"Thanks for the "News". We enjoy reading it and keeping up on what is going on in the area." —Damian King & Alison Skene, Caveat Weekenders

" Well, it had to happen!!! Recently we have not been able to access our email system. Thus we could not get TGN on line. It is called 'cyber attack' ! Upon closer investigation as to the cause of our huge dilemma, the searchees (not cheese) discovered gunshot residue on the sat dish (not the culinary type). The perpetrator of this dastardly act claimed in issue 25 of TGN, with great gusto, that "I got him". Our message to the skite is simply this, get eyes tested, acquire a gun which does not fire blanks, thus no need for macular degeneration repairs to the monitor screen, and do NOT include the tail in the HCCC trophy count because the said victim made a reappearance in TGN issue 26.

Thank goodness for the various pick-up boxes around the district. We did not miss out on our copy of TGN."

—Quentin Pritchard, Caveat

Editor's Note: Quentin tried to attribute this piece to John Sporry; but I got him!

HCCC FOX ON THE RUN TROPHY AND PRESENTATION NIGHT



EVERYONE IS INVITED !!

A FREE dinner will be provided and a trophy presentation will be held on Friday 9th of August 7pm at the Ruffy Hall

Please come along & congratulate our local teams who do such a great job with Fox Control
Contact Simone ASAP
hughes.creek1@gmail.com
5790 4146

FINDING 'FOXY'
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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2013

Tuesday 6th August 7:30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Tablelands Community Centre @ Ruffy (Old Ruffy Schoolhouse) AGM & General Meeting Everybody is Welcome & Supper provided. Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268
Friday 9th August 6:30pm	'DRINKS ON THE DECK' at Highlands Community Hall 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. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247
Friday 9th August 7:00pm	HCCC LANDCARE "FOX on the RUN" Presentation Night Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy Free Dinner for all and Trophy presentations to the successful Fox Hunters Please RSVP to Simone ASAP Contact 5790 4146 or hughes.creek1@gmail.com
Saturday 10th August 4:00pm-6:00pm	HiARTS WINE & CHEESE NIGHT Highlands Community Hall Highlands We think it is time to evaluate the future of HiArts. We would like you to bring your ideas and join us for wine and cheese. Everybody is Welcome. Contact Stuart & Judy Reid 5796 9358
Saturday 10th August 8:00pm & Sunday 11th August 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "The Great Gatsby" – 142 Mins (M) Drama **** 3.5 stars This is lavish Gatsby, in true Baz Luhrmann style with some terrific performances, elaborate scenes, and every bit "big cinema" to the extreme. F. Scott Fitzgerald's book is accepted as the great American novel with complex story lines and entertaining characters that you rarely see these days! Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Joel Edgerton and Tobey Maguire this is a movie you need to see for yourself and decide if you like what Baz has done to this legendary drama. <i>There will be red and white wine tasting and sales both days courtesy of Jenny Houghton of Maygars Hill wines. You can buy a glass to take into the cinema ~ or take a bottle home with you!</i>
Sunday 11th August 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH Terip-Ruffy Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information please Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Friday 16th August 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road <i>"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"</i> BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share Contact Henry 5790 4246
Saturday 17th August 9am-1:00pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au
Saturday 17th August 9am-2:00pm	FAIR FOOD WEEK Fair FREE Food Stall Seymour Community Market Kings Park Seymour Join your local community to celebrate food, get information on healthy eating, growing & preserving your own food, free veggies and lots more. Bring along your own home grown veggies to swap & share. FREE food to eat and kids activities too.
Saturday 17th August 4:30pm-9pm	SHUFFLE UP TO THE RUFFY STORE Nolans Road, Ruffy Make up a table for your favourite Card Game-Euchre-500-21-Canasta CASSEROLES & PUDDING will be served. \$25/Head. Book Early. Contact Helen 5790 4387
Sunday 25th August 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH Terip-Ruffy Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted by our Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information please Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Friday 30th August 6:00pm	ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or Email contact@rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 31st August 7:15pm	CHIZIA (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing, Terrific Trivia) @ Ruffy Hall. BYO drinks and nibbles. Memorable Ruffy supper. Meet your neighbours. Adults \$10, pre-teens free on pre-teens table with own activities. Make up a table team and Contact Roger 0437 771 580 to secure your tickets now.

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CHIZIA @ RUFFY

The annual Chizia (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing & Terrific Trivia) evening at the Ruffy Hall is on again on Saturday 31st August 2013, 7-15pm for 7-30pm.

Chizia consists of a series of colossal challenges, quirky quizzing and terrific trivia, all in the comfort of the heated Ruffy Hall and it comes with yet another famous Ruffy community supper.

Pre-teens are catered for with their own table and amusements.

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Proceeds from this activity will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for use by the local community.

Tables are limited - organise a team and book yours with Roger on 0437 771 580



LANDCARE NEWS

THE TIME IS CLOSE FOR SPRAYING PATTERSONS CURSE

Once again the time has come to think about looking for and spraying infestations of Pattersons curse.



Paton Air will be in our area over the next few months for helicopter spraying, so it's a good idea to contact them early if you are interested. For further info you can email Simone at hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

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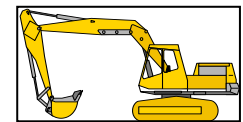
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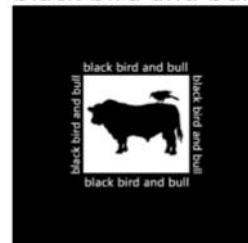
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