



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

TO BEE or NOT TO BEE

The old travelling livestock routes north-west of Canberra, which once carried livestock across the country, are now helping scientists tackle a very modern agricultural problem.

Research conducted on the strips of native vegetation shows how farmers can attract native bees to help pollinate their crops when the local honey bee population is inevitably threatened.

"There is no escaping the dreaded Varroa mite." Canberra-based CSIRO expert **Dr Saul Cunningham** said. *"It will make it to Australia, greatly reduce feral honey bee numbers and pose real problems for bee keepers and producers."*

Staple crops such as wheat and rice will be safe because they rely on wind pollination, but growers of bee-pollinated crops, which include the cherries at Young, will face difficulties.

The doomsday scenario that we're all going to run out of food is clearly wrong, but it does cause all sorts of challenges for people to deal with." he said.

Dr Pia Lentini an academic at the University of Melbourne, found 36 species of native bees at 32 sites in the region north-west of Canberra, with the greatest diversity of bees in locations where there was non-agricultural land nearby.



Amegilla chlorocganea or blue banded bee

"Some of the farmers in the region were unaware native bees were helping to pollinate their crops." she said, but her work highlighted the need to conserve even small patches of non-agricultural land in farming areas, including disused travelling stock routes.

Doing so would help safeguard against the impact of the Varroa mite, which was not expected to affect native bees, Dr Lentini said.

Dr Saul Cunningham is six years into a project surveying Canberra's native bee species at CSIRO's Ginnindera Experiment Station.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week ELWYN RUDD



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CHRISTMAS STALL AT HPS

Many thanks to Maree Gilbert and her very talented parents who are organising and contributing to this stall. This is a perfect way to do some Christmas shopping and support your school. Hand knitted socks, beanies, cards, soaps and beautiful pens made from off-cuts of exotic Tasmanian timbers. **Thursday 28th November 1pm HPS**



By Miranda Yorston-Acting Principal, HPS

He said the advantage of native bees for farmers was they were pollinated for free, but unlike domestic honey bees, most species could not be easily transported from place to place.

But even a single tree or a metre-wide strip of grassland along a road or fence can help attract and keep a variety of native bees in an area, Dr Cunningham said.

From an Article by Larissa Nicholson in The Canberra Times 7/11/13



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READERS' WRITES

"Hi, Just wanted to comment on the Readers' Writes section and was especially interested in the article from Stuart Reid of Highlands. This is a subject which we're sure a lot of people in the area are getting more and more concerned about."

My husband contacted council back in 2012 (yes 2012) to have something done about the condition of the road and was told something would be done very shortly."

Well as anyone can see nothing has changed only the condition of the road worsening. We were about to make contact with them again to see what is going to be done and feel that it is not satisfactory for them to leave the road in this condition. Ghin Ghin Road is supposed to be a tourist road with points of interest to note as you drive along it."

Makes you wonder how these people would negotiate some of the hills in the middle of the road, especially driving on unfamiliar roads. It was also mentioned to council about more signage on the road, especially coming into the cutting from the Yea side of Ghin Ghin Road."

More needs to be done immediately about the condition of the roads in the area, a lack of line marking has also been something that has also been ongoing." —Lynn & Andrew Hilton, Highlands

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2013

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	<p>W/C 18th Nov Craig & Jenny Murphy—Neville & Sue Debney—Car Park and All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 25th Nov Jim & Jill Davidson—Georgina Bett—Both sides of Springs Rd and all four courts</p>
Monday 18th November 8:00pm	<p>RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road</p> <p>Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</p>
Thursday 21st & 28th November 5:30pm	<p>TERIP TENNIS SOCIAL HIT UP Terip Tennis Courts</p> <p>Terip Terip Tennis Club welcomes anyone who would like to join us for a social hit of tennis on Thursday afternoons throughout November. Bring your rackets and have a hit for fun. For more details Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277</p>
Saturday 23rd November 7:00pm Sunday 24th November 4pm	<p>EUROA CINEMA "Blue Jasmine" 98mins (MA) Comedy /Drama *** 3.5stars</p> <p>Cate Blanchett plays Jasmine who has become very used to the good life with all its inherent trappings. Jasmine's social whirl has come crashing down following the breakup of her marriage to a serial womaniser and she has to start all over again. Also starring Alec Baldwin & Sally Hawkins.</p>
Sunday 24th November 11:15am	<p>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip</p> <p>This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p>
Sunday 24th November 10:30	<p>HIGHLAND RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall 10:30am</p> <p>Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com</p>
Sunday 24th November 9:00am	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE—Pre Season Meeting</p> <p>Highlands Fire Shed All members urged to attend Please spread the word</p> <p>RSVP to Les Lawson 5796 9265 or Alistair Lade 5796 9276</p> </div> </div>
Tuesday 26th November 8:00pm Change of Date	<p>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Road Ruffy</p> <p>Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everybody is Welcome – There will be a nice Supper following the meeting to end another successful year</p> <p>Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268</p>
Thursday 28th November 1:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL— Christmas Stall at Highlands Primary School</p> <p>A perfect way to do some Christmas shopping and support your school. Hand knitted socks, beanies, cards, soaps and beautiful pens made from off-cuts of exotic Tasmanian timbers, they are just superb.</p>
Thursday 28th November 5:30pm	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat</p> <p>Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks</p>
Friday 29th November 6:00pm	<p>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek</p> <p>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</p>
Saturday 30th November 8:00pm	<p>RuffArtZ 'Season of Saturdays' at the Ruffy Hall.</p> <p>The last concert for this season will feature the group The Great Gondos. This company fuses new circus and physical comedy to create highly accessible performances appealing to audiences of all ages. Doors open 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. Tickets \$25.00 Contact Sharron 5790 4329 (leave a message)</p>
Tuesday 3rd December 8:00pm	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE —Pre-Season Meeting</p> <p>At the Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School)</p> <p>All Welcome Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956</p> </div> </div>
Friday 6th December 6:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP BBQ at Highlands Hall</p> <p>BYO drinks, chairs, meat and salad to share.</p> <p>Don't miss out on the special visit from Santa at 7.30pm and the beautiful voices of the children singing Christmas carols. Please drop off presents for your children at the school prior to this date labelled with their name (maximum of \$5). Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</p>
Saturday 7th December 6:00pm	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>Ruffy CFA will provide the meat for a Family BBQ—Please bring Salad or Sweet to Share...BYO Drinks It is expected that Santa will pop in for a visit (Items for the children to be given to Ruffy CFA Captain John)</p> <p>Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956 or Ros Goodwin 5790 4161</p> </div> </div>

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

RuffArtZ

Café Culture Series

"A Season of Saturdays"

Presents in Ruffy at the Ruffy Hall on
Saturday, 30 November at 8pm:

The Great Gondos Variety show featuring
Daniel Oldaker, Rani Huszar,
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The company fuses new circus and physical comedy to create highly accessible performances appealing to audiences of all ages.

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Highlands/Caveat CFA

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- * Tuesday 26th November 7:30pm
 - * Sunday 1st December 9:00am
 - * Tuesday 3rd December 7:30pm
 - * Sunday 8th December 9:00am
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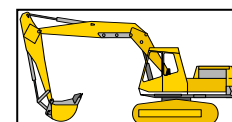
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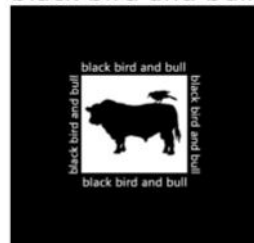
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