



BITS OF BOTANY & BIRDS

DOGWOOD *Cassinia Aculaeta*



Dogwood is a very common understory and roadside shrub around the district. It flowers over summer with a mass of small creamy-white flowers in clusters a bit like a cauliflower-coloured broccoli. The buds have a pinkish tinge. The leaves are very thin, dark green on top but paler underneath and with the edges rolled under. It is quick-growing and can be one of the first to regenerate in disturbed or burnt areas. It can cause a skin irritation in some people.
By Louise Currie

WIND STORM DELIVERS A BLOW TO "OUR" YELLOW BOX

Last Wednesday's wind storm wrought havoc with many trees across the Tablelands and "our" Yellow Box at Michael Kopanica's gate that was featured in TGN issue 6, lost a large part of its trunk, as had been predicted. Michael had removed his front fence in anticipation and the tree cooperated by narrowly missing the gate post!

Luckily, the limb came down at 11pm, reducing the likelihood of injuring anybody driving on Dropmore Road.



Thankfully, the main trunk of this magnificent tree is still standing, with its crown over 100ft high.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week *Lachie*



For showing initiative and taking his role as IT Captain very seriously. Well done!

Art Project: Leone is working with the students to create another amazing art project- this time mosaic birds. Students have all sketched a bird each and Leone is working in conjunction with the Yea Men's Shed to complete the next stage of the project. Finally students will mosaic their birds for display out in the school grounds. We are asking for donations of mirror tiles, glass beads, gemstones or marbles that can be used to enhance our mosaic. If you can donate any of the above items we'd be very grateful. Thank you once again to Leone for her enthusiastic work.

Chicks: There has been lots of excitement in the junior room this week with the hatching of our chicks. Thanks to Natalie Fulford for this amazing opportunity. Thank you also to the Gilbert family for looking after the chicks on the weekend.



Thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Book Fair. It was a very successful first experience at this event. The total takings were over \$1000 which allowed the school to select over \$300 worth of books. A huge thank you to Di for her enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you also to the generous families and community members who purchased books to donate to our school.

Term 1 finishes Thursday March 28th
Term 2 commences Monday April 15th

By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS



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WELCOME to ISSUE 11 2013

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

The Granite News Easter Break

There will be no *Granite News* over the Easter & School Holiday period.

The next TGN will be published Sunday April 14th.

FOX ON THE RUN COMPETITION 2013



The HCCC Landcare group is once again running a fox hunting competition over the month of June 2013. A grand prize of \$500 cash and second and third prizes are up for grabs for the most foxes shot.

For more information please contact Simone on hughes.creek1@gmail.com or call 5790 4146 as conditions apply.

RABBIT RIPPING SUBSIDY AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE HCCC LANDCARE GROUP



The DPI has recently completed a Rabbit Control Survey within the district and many Landholders have been issued with a Directions Notice. A 50% subsidy may be available to you for warren ripping.

Contact Simone 5790 4146
hughes.creek1@gmail.com

SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEPDOG TRIALS—UPDATE

The Sheepdog Trials will now start at noon on Thursday March 28th

The first trial events will be Novice/Encourage and Farmers, with Presentations for the 3 classes at the end of the day on Thursday. Friday will commence at 9 am with the Open/Improvers.

Saturday will commence at 8 am with the rest of the Open/Improvers, Improvers Final, Open Final and the event will finish with Presentations

By Diann Schrapel

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR - MARCH/APRIL 2013



**CFA ROSTERS
W/C Mar 24th**

- **Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe**..... **Driver: Doug McLarty Assistant: Kate Coulson**
- **Ruffy** **2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team**
- **Terip Terip**..... **3rd Lieutenant Tim Lawrence's Team**

Tuesday 26th March 6:00pm	BURNT CREEK LANDCARE BBQ DINNER plus GUEST SPEAKER Upton CFA Shed, Upton Rd This is sure to be a terrific night with Guest Speaker-Steve Wilson, Land & Diversity Team leader GBCMA Cost is \$10 per person for BBQ. BYO Wines, Beer available. Booking Essential Contact Sandy MacKenzie 5796 2088 or sandymackenzie@ozemail.com.au
Thursday 28th March 5:30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks
Thursday 28th March 12:00pm Fri 29th 9am Sat 30th 8am	SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEPDOG TRIALS Kings Park, Tallarook St. Seymour The iconic sheepdog trials are on again this year and everybody, young & old is welcome to come and watch the wide range of working sheepdogs. This is a wonderful family event and catering is available. Contact Diann Shrapel 5792 1089 or Email schrapel1@activ8.net.au
Friday 29th March 12:30pm	RUFFY CFA GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH Ruffy Fire Shed or Ruffy Hall (Depending on the Weather) Fish & Chips with Salad Lunch to coincide with the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Adults \$15:00 Children \$5 Soft Drinks Available Contact Sally 0407 904335
Friday 29th March 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
Thursday 4th April 10:30am-12:30	RUFFY PLAY GROUP Tablelands Community Centre @Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Road SCHOOL HOLIDAYS—"Teddy Bear Picnic" Prizes for Biggest, Smallest & Best-Dressed Teddies Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally Kubeil 5790 4335 or 0407 904335
	MARCH is RED CROSS CALLING MONTH Olga and Jan will not be door knocking this year. Your donations can be made at the Ruffy Store or the Tablelands Community Centre (old Ruffy School) If a receipt is required please leave your name and address and a receipt will be forwarded to you. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. <i>Thanks for your continued support, from Olga and Jan</i>
Saturday 6th April 9am-2pm	YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry
Sunday 7th April 5pm-7pm	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Monthly ramble to Points of Interest around the district Meet at Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875
Monday 8th April 7:00pm	STRATHBOGIE RANGES CONSERVATION NETWORK MEETING Old Caveat Church, Caveat All interested local people are invited. Check website for further Information www.strathbogierangescmn.com
Friday 12th April 6:30pm	"DRINKS ON THE DECK" 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
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 10am-4:30pm	AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDEN SCHEME "MUIREND" Lot 705 Greenslopes Rd., Trawool Stunning House & Gardens open to the public. Featuring a Quilting exhibition by The Tallarook Quilters A wonderful family day. Cost is \$7 per adult with proceeds to Fred Hollows Foundation Contact Verity Murray 5797 0224
Friday 19th April 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO !) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road "Come along and catch up with Friends or Meet someone new, Everyone is Welcome" BBQ provided. BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share. Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329
Saturday 20th April 9am-1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

1st RUFFY STORE COOKING CLASS — A GASTRONOMIC SUCCESS !

Mor Saykao from Euroa conducted the 1st Cooking Class at The Ruffy Store on Saturday March 23rd. Nine enthusiastic local 'students' christened Helen McDougall's new kitchen bench as Mor guided them through an introduction to Thai Cooking.



Following the 2 1/2 hour class the attendees had the opportunity to invite their partners to a long-table dinner in The Ruffy Store to share the day's fare.

Helen said " I have been wanting to do this for a long time and I'm delighted that it worked so well for everyone." So well in fact, that there are already 8 confirmed bookings for the next Thai Cooking Class

AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDEN SCHEME COMES TO THE TRAWOOL VALLEY IN APRIL

"Muirend", a private garden in the magnificent Trawool Valley will be open this autumn as part of the Open Garden scheme.



Set in a tranquil two-acre garden in a stunning rural setting on the Goulburn River, **Muirend** is an architect designed rammed earth house with a garden featuring Oaks, Golden Elms & Ash, raised vegetable beds, a fruit orchard, chickens, ducks and guinea fowl plus more than 95 species of birds.

The Tallarook group of quilters will be exhibiting quilts and items of patchwork on the return verandahs of the house.
Morning & Afternoon Teas will be available

Muirend will be open Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 April
See TGN's "What's On" Calendar for further details.

Contact Verity Murray 5797 0224 or james@emm.com.au

TERIP TERIP TENNIS TEAM

The Terip Terip Tennis Team has had a very successful 2012/13 season.

They finished the regular season on top of the ladder and made the Grand Final that was played on Saturday March 23rd.

Unfortunately it wasn't Terip's day and they were defeated by Euroa/Gooram.

Thanks to all our team members and fill ins during what has been an enjoyable season.

Report by Cindy Hayes



Terip's 2012/2013 Grand Final Team

Tim Hayes, Brad Kellett, Tim Lawrence
Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence,
Rebecca Lyttle.
Absent: Sally Kubeil and Chris Chittick

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

For adverts in this column contact Don editor@tgn.org.au or 5790 4007

"Trading Places" Achieves Results

* **Helen McKenzie's** Terip Clearing Sale last Sunday was a great success. Andrew Embling from Landmark Alexandra reported that there were 165 registered bidders for 498 Sale Lots. Buyers came from as far afield as Deniliquin, Melbourne, Kyabram, Kyneton and Caveat.

* **Sharyn Shaw** reports that all her pups that were advertised in TGN's "Trading Places" have now been sold.

LOCAL GOINGS ON

RUFFY CFA GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH

Ruffy CFA in its 7th year of supporting the Good Friday Appeal invites community members from near or far to join us on Good Friday 29th March at 12.30 with the renowned Fish and Chips Lunch at the Ruffy Fire Shed.

Over the past 6 years nearly \$4200 has been raised for the appeal.



This year we will be under the shade of the trees at the rear of the Ruffy Hall which will add to the atmosphere and assist the catering to be done from the Ruffy Hall's well equipped kitchen.

The annual event brings many of the Ruffy community groups together for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Everyone is welcome; neighbours, friends & family, the more the merrier. *We have heard the Easter Bunny will be hopping by.....*

Cost is \$15 Adults & \$5 Children
For catering it would be helpful if RSVP's to **Sally on 0407 904335** or **John on 0427 344956.**



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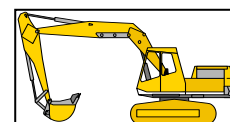
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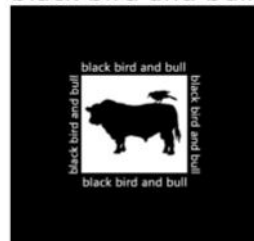
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