



LOCAL GOINGS ON.....and ON

DOOF—DOOF With a Vengeance

Editorial by Don & Mavis Cook

If you're sitting in traffic on Chapel St South Yarra or Sydney Road Coburg your senses are sure to be assailed by some dick-less hero with his sub-woofer rattling his own car windows and those of everyone else within 100 metres. The upside is that you can drive off and leave the sound behind.

However there was no escape from the base tones emanating from the Music Festival at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve that was held over Easter Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rarely has a local event stirred such emotional response, as is evident from the chain of letters to local papers.

Like coffee in the USA, this was more about volume than content.

Yes, our windows were rattling (truly they were) and yes, we lost two nights sleep, but if that's the price we pay for 500+ kids to enjoy themselves in our neighbourhood with no arrests, no medical emergencies and minimal if any property damage then we're OK with that.

A team of five young university students led by 23 year old Bryce Lawrence from RMIT created, organised and ran the event. Bryce is in 4th year of his Bachelor of Applied Science—Project Management.

The event organisers paid a fee of \$2000 to the Rec Reserve as well as funding a refurbished set of gates for the precinct .

BITS OF BOTANY & BIRDS

Musk Daisy Bush *Learia Argophylla*



This attractive tall shrub/small tree grows as understory in wetter forests and has masses of white daisy flowers over spring and summer. In late summer these turn to a mass of fluffy seed-carriers. The leaves are large, dark green above and greyish below with slightly serrated edges. There are also other daisy bush species locally with similar flowers but much thinner leaves.

By Louise Currie

We were personally aware of the event as a result of discussions held within the various Ruffy community groups, however it would be fair to say that there was not broad community awareness prior to the music starting.

Due to the strength of community feedback, there will be a Music Festival review meeting on Wednesday April 17th to which all interested community members are invited.

Bryce Lawrence along with some of his committee will be in attendance.

See this issue's What's On Calendar for details.



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LANDCARER of the MONTH

HCCC LANDCARER of the MONTH for MARCH is SUSAN SLEIGH

Susan has been involved in Landcare for almost two decades, having started as a volunteer with the Nagambie Landcare group when they were targeting salinity in their district.



She moved into a role identifying and protecting remnant vegetation in the Nagambie area and she is now heavily involved as a private contractor working with GBCMA and private landholders on the Longwood Plains Biodiversity Project to revegetate tracts of indigenous flora along roadside and riparian corridors.

Her brief is to deliver 100 hectares per year of re-established native flora, and fencing of protected areas is the most critical element in achieving her targets.

Susan says that in the early years, it would typically take her 4 years to achieve revegetation of 40 hectares, but now, thanks to a State Govt supported scheme of working with inmates from the low security Dhurringile Prison, her targets of 100 hectares per year are regularly achieved.

The landholders install the fence end-assemblies and the Dhurringile crews drive the steels and pull the wires.

Access to the Goulburn-Broken Indigenous Seed Bank at Melb Uni Dookie is also highlighted by Susan as a key contributor to her success. Trees and understory are always direct seeded.

According to Susan, the Landholder feedback is universally positive and many are enthusiastic to add more protected corridors to their properties. Our congratulations and thanks go to Susan for her ongoing and valuable work in the environment.



"Inner Varnika" Rocks Ruffy



COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR - APRIL/MAY 2013

Wednesday 17th April 7:30pm	COMMUNITY MEETING & REVIEW of RUFFY MUSIC FESTIVAL Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) This meeting is a forum for people from Ruffy and surrounding districts to make their thoughts known and to contribute to a moderated debate regarding the recent Music Festival that was held at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve over the Easter Weekend. Contact Kerry 5790 4392
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
Saturday 20th 8:00pm & Sunday 21st April 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA “The Hobbit : An Unexpected Journey” 169 Mins (M) Fantasy/Drama *** 3 stars Devotees of this franchise will enjoy the opportunity to yet again see the well-loved characters. Bilbo Baggins sets out on an “unexpected journey” to the Lonely Mountain with a spirited group of Dwarves to reclaim their stolen mountain home from a dragon named Smaug.
Thursday 25th April 9:00am	TERIP ANZAC DAY SERVICE Terip Terip Recreation Reserve All are welcome to join the Terip Terip Community for our annual ANZAC Day Service. Morning tea will be available for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the ANZAC Day Appeal. Contact Andrew Holloway
Thursday 25th April 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
Friday 26th April 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 2nd May 10:30am-12:30	RUFFY PLAYGROUP Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Rd., Ruffy This Month it’s Mothers Day Gift Making Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally 5790 4335
Thursday 2nd May 1pm-3pm	AGED CARE INFORMATION EXPO Euroa 3rd Age Club, Kirkland Avenue Euroa A range of service providers will be available to provide you with information. There will also be displays of tai chi, strength training and line dancing. Free Entry Free Afternoon Tea Contact Kerrie Reardon 5736 6366 This is provided as part of the Improving Liveability for Older People Project, funded by the Department of Health, Victoria.
Friday 3rd May 7:30pm	“BINGO” Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Rd Ruffy Family Fun & Prizes—20 Rounds—\$1 per Playing Card Every Round Wins a Prize—Final Round Prize \$50 Everyone is Welcome Free Supper Provided Contact Sally 5790 4335 or 0407 904335
Saturday 4th May 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 5th May 10am-12pm	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Monthly ramble to Points of Interest around the district Meet at Ruffy Community Hall Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

2013 Seymour Working Sheep Dog Trials

This year's trials were held over the Easter Weekend in near perfect weather at Kings Park, Seymour

Thanks must go to **Bev Meldrum of Glenauroa** who kindly loaned her sheep for the trials, along with the many volunteers and sponsors who make the trials possible. This year new sponsors **Elders—Bendigo & Shepparton** along with **Kopanica Pastoral Excavations** enabled the total prize money to be doubled

Open Class

Prince of Wales Trophy

Kevin Wilson (Tatura) & "Tintagel Dusty"

Improvers Class

Bert Ridd Trophy

Susie Goodyear (Rutherglen) & "Morgan's Dotty"

Novice Trial

Seymour A & P Society Trophy

Wayne Mathieson (NSW) & "Auburn Libby"

Encourage Class

Grahame Smith and Family Trophy

Moulee Siriharan (Epping) & "Sunny"



Doug Smith & daughter present the Grahame Smith & Family Trophy to Moulee Siriharan

Goulburn Valley Winemakers strut their stuff

Local residents will have a chance to raise their glass this month to some of Australia's top winemakers and taste some world-class local wines at 10 venues across the region.

The events, part of the month long national Aussie Wine Month presented by Wine Australia, will showcase all that is unique about wines from our region at the "Goulburn Valley Winemakers' Long Weekend"

to be held from April 25 to 28.

Each participating Goulburn Valley host winery will have its own individual and unique drawcard for the "long" weekend including cellar tours, barrel tastings, live music, winery/heritage museum exhibitions and themed lunches, and are likely to attract visitors from around the state and across Australia.

Participants in the Goulburn Valley Winemakers Long Weekend include

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FOX ON THE RUN COMPETITION 2013



The "Fox on the Run" competition starts on June 1st 2013. The competition will run for the month of June only, the fox tail will be required as proof of kill. Fox tails will be tallied on completion of the competition and the team with the most will receive a trophy and grand prize of \$500 (Individual or Team)

*Teams and Individuals must register their before June 1st to be eligible.

*Teams can consist of groups of 6 max.

*Teams must be residents within the Hughes Creek Catchment OR have permission to shoot on properties within the catchment.

(Ruffy, Highlands, Caveat, Terip Terip, Whiteheads Creek, Dropmore, Tarcombe)

*Hunters must have appropriate licenses and permission to shoot on properties if applicable.

To register your team please email Simone on hughes.creek1@gmail.com prior to June 1st

Once the competition has finished you will be asked to bring the tail of each fox shot as evidence (frozen or dried-please no meaty bits!) to the Tablelands Community Centre (old Ruffy school) on a date to be advised. The team and Individual with the most tails will be notified and prize/trophy presented at a later date.

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Is there anyone in the Highlands area who has a milking goat?

I make soap and would like to obtain some local goat's milk for this purpose.

Please Contact Jacqui

0407 331150

or email

afa76221@bigpond.net.au

MISSING

Would whoever borrowed a large stock pot from the Highlands Community Hall please return it to the hall or contact

Judy Cameron 5796 9247
or **Judy Reid 5796 9358** who can arrange to pick it up.

Thanks.



FIRE RESTRICTION PERIODS

The CFA advises that fire restrictions have been lifted in some local Municipalities, but they still remain in force in some districts.

To check the status of Fire Restrictions in your locality go to

[http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions-fire-restrictions-map/](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-restrictions-map/)

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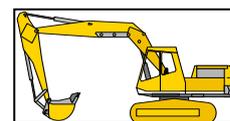
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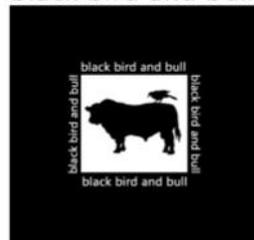
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