



BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

MOTION SENSITIVE CAMERAS

Want to know what's creeping around your property at night? Is something eating your grapes, stripping your fruit trees, scaring the chooks? Or perhaps that noise in the roof? Then borrow one of HCCC Landcare's motion sensitive cameras.



They can be strapped to a tree or post and left for several days or even weeks, and the resulting photos uploaded to your computer.

On our property we caught wombats, wallabies, roos, echidnas, possums, foxes, feral cats, rats, bandicoots and birds. And we were able to confirm that the big droppings in our kitchen were from antechinuses, not rats (good). We also got several thousand photos of waving vegetation (not so good).



The cameras have various menu options but as they didn't come with any instructions, we didn't mess with them too much. There is a video as well as a still setting.

What we got varied a lot – one site along a well-worn track got 6 different species of mammal, another similar spot got nothing. If we didn't have any luck we just moved it after a couple of nights. Normally we set it at not much above ground level but I also tried it on the woodshed roof, where all I got in a week was one possum.

By Louise Currie

**To borrow a camera,
contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268**

KOALA FODDER TREES

Koalas would have to be one of the most well loved Australian icons, however this hasn't always been the case. In the early 20th century Koalas were hunted for the fur trade and between hunting, drought, disease, predation and reduction of habitat, their numbers have declined rapidly.



It is believed that in the 1930's numbers in Victoria were recorded to be below 1000. Over the years redistribution and repopulation activity's have been conducted with varying degrees of success, with the actual number of koalas an estimate due to some difficulty in assessing populations in some areas. Koalas occur in eucalypt forests of eastern and southern mainland Australia, and are often seen within our catchment. They prefer habitat within close proximity to riparian zones and wetter areas of the eucalypt forests.

As a native species the Koala is protected by law and cannot be intentionally harmed.

Koalas have a very specific preference for trees with only around 18 species classified as primary fodder trees.

The main trees in our area are Narrow-leaf Peppermint

--*Eucalyptus radiata*

Mountain Swamp-gum

--*Eucalyptus camphora*

Southern Blue-gum

--*Eucalyptus globulus*

although they are known to use other species for shelter and feeding.

Recent studies suggest that they actually prefer to shelter in different species than those from which they feed.

They can eat between 200-500g of leaves per day which also supplies most of their water requirement.



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READERS' WRITES

"re the youcamp.com item where it says to park your campervan under a big shady tree ...that's the last place to park especially if its a red gum or spotted gum or for that matter any eucalypt in summer !

I speak from first hand experience when I suggested that our city visitors should move their new BMW from under a large and very ancient yellow box on our farm at Seymour.

They did with some bemusement and 2 hours later a branch dropped with a hell of a crack.

It was only about 30 inches in diameter, and wiped out a few panels of the cattle yard.

The car would have been between the tree and the yards !

Just some advice for our city cousins."

-Sandy MacKenzie, Burnt Creek Landcare, Avenel

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

NEXT HCCC LANDCARE MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 21st 7:30pm
At the HIGHLANDS HALL
Everybody is Welcome
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

FINDING FOXY

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The age of a Koala can also dictate which species of trees they show a preference for due to differing nutritional requirements.

Male Koalas tend to range further than females with averages of up to 1.2 Ha for females and up to 1.7 Ha for males.

Some other species of trees that are considered primary fodder trees, and which are sometimes seen within the catchment are:

River Red-gum

—*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*

Messmate Stringybark

— *Eucalyptus obliqua*

Swamp-gum—*Eucalyptus ovata*

To help maintain our koala population we need to protect and extend our remnant vegetation, when planning shelter belts on our property we should also consider the appropriate species of tree for fodder is planted.

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By Simone Ulstrup & Janet Hagen

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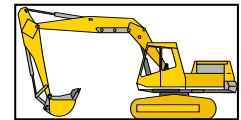
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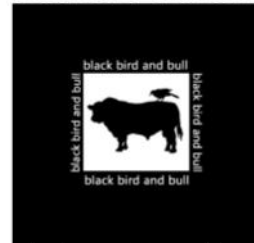
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LOCAL GOINGS ON



"Inspiration" by Marion Rennie—Ruffy Art Show 2012

THE RUFFY ART SHOW 2014 ?

The 2014 Ruffy Art Show will only happen if a group of enthusiastic volunteers takes over the planning & running of the event, which has a great reputation among artists and art lovers.

The current Ruffy Art Show Committee invites interested community members to a meeting on Sunday 16th March 10.00 am, at the Ruffy Hall.

Discussion topics over morning tea will include:

- # What were the strengths of the previous Ruffy Art Shows?
Ruffy Art Show 2014 – Is it feasible?
- # Who would be willing to play a key role in planning the event?
- # Who is interested in being part of a Steering Committee?
- # What other attractions in the area could be linked to the event?
Who will benefit from the proceeds of the event(s)?

We look forward to your ideas, your enthusiasm and your commitment so that we can stage a very successful 2014 Art Show.

Enquiries: Barb 0429410039—Robyn 57903275—Verena 57904309

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TERIP TERIP BYO CHAIR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 22 March 7.30pm
On the Terip Tennis Courts at the Recreation Reserve.

We will be showing the 2011 Australian Film "Red Dog" (PG) Based on the true story of the Red Dog who united a disparate local community while roaming the Australian outback in search of his long lost master.

BYO chair, blanket, & drinks
Tea/Coffee & Snack Bar
Adults \$12, Kids \$6
RSVP to 5790 4148
for catering purposes
All are very welcome

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Working Bee Highlands Community Hall

Saturday 15th March



We will get together to start at 9am & finish with a BBQ lunch.

We need plumbing skills, painting skills, gardening skills, your skills whatever they are & lots of enthusiasm. Bring appropriate tools.

It is amazing what we can achieve in one morning if everyone lends a hand.

Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 or
Judy Reid 5796 9358 for info

TABLELANDS CRICKET CALENDAR 2014



Saturday 22nd Mar 2014 11am
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Dinner at Brewery 7pm
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TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	W/C 10th Mar Sue Martin—Andrew Holloway & Tim Andrews—Car Park & all four courts <hr/> W/C 31st Mar Tim & Frances Lawrence—Peter Short & Betty Jenkins—Both Sides Springs Rd & 4 Courts
	MARCH is RED CROSS CALLING MONTH 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. This will be our 75th Year in the Euroa community and "100Years of Red Cross in Australia" Thank You for your continued support, from Olga and Jan
Monday 10th March 8:00pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Ros 5790 4161
Friday 14th March 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
Saturday 15th March 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 15th 8:00pm & Sunday 16th March 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" 114 Mins (PG) Fantasy **** 3.5 stars We all know James Thurber's short story of Walter Mitty and in this movie adaptation, Ben Stiller (who apparently excels in the role) steps into the shoes of Walter who dares to dream and have his dreams of escape seemingly come to life! Also starring Kirsten Wiig and Adam Scott
Saturday 15th March 9:00am	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL WORKING BEE at The Highlands Hall It is amazing what we can achieve in one morning if everyone lends a hand. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 or Judy Reid 5796 9358 for info
Sunday 16th March 10:00am	RUFFY ART SHOW COMMUNITY MEETING at The Ruffy Community Hall The current Ruffy Art Show Committee invites interested community members to a meeting to discuss the future direction of this important community cultural event. Contact Verena 5790 4309
Friday 21st March 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road "Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!" BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share Contact Henry 5790 4246
Saturday 22nd March 7:30pm	TERIP TERIP BYO CHAIR MOVIE NIGHT at The Terip Recreation Reserve We will be screening the Australian Film "Red Dog" on the Tennis Courts BYO Chair, Blanket, Drinks & Tissues. Adults \$12 Kids \$6 Contact Andrew 5790 4148
Sunday 23rd March	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip. This service has been cancelled & replaced with the Harvest Festival Service 30th March at 11:15am.
Thursday 27th March to Saturday 29th	SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEPDOG TRIALS at Kings Park, Seymour All Enquiries to Diann Schrapel Tel: 03 5792 1089 or email: schrapel1@activ8.net.au
Thursday 27th 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
Saturday 29th March 6:30pm	HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLSHED DANCE at Hobbies Howe, Dropmore Rd Highlands  Music & Dancing—Raffles & Auctions—Steak, Schnitzels, Sausage & Salad Dinner Tickets—\$20 Adult-\$10 Under 8yrs. Bookings Essential. Contact HPS 5796 9208
Sunday 30th March 4:00pm 	Music in The Bush at Broadford Salon Series—Concert One At Peter Hagen's Broadford Studio "Storming C.P.E. Bach" Peter Hagen - harpsichord Tri-centenary Concert. Wine will be supplied by Tahbilk winery and you can also order a plate of nibbles. All details can be found on the booking links below and on www.peterhagen.com.au you can download the current brochure. Tickets Adult \$38 Early bird tickets \$32, Series Ticket \$120 Bookings Essential - Limited Seating http://www.trybooking.com/ECIO and http://www.trybooking.com/71878
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