



## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### PADDOCK TREE SPECIES

*It had been suggested at a recent Landcare meeting that we give landholders some information on species that are found in our area and are ideal for paddock trees.*

*Over the coming months we will be publishing information on some of the more suitable tree species with a short-list of growing conditions, rate of growth and typical lifespan. By Simone Ulstrup*

#### Narrow-leaf Peppermint *Eucalyptus radiata*

The Narrow-leaf Peppermint is a medium to tall tree with a dense canopy, making it a great shade tree.

It is native to Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania and its timber was commonly used for fencing and basic construction, although it is no longer preferred due to its high shrinkage rate and veining. The Narrow-leaf Peppermint was one of the first eucalypt species to be commercially utilised for its oil which is distilled from its leaves. It is tolerant of light snow and frost and can withstand positions in full sun to part shade.

It can be prone to root decay and tends to sustain damage easily in wind storms.



**Family:** Myrtaceae

**Height:** 15-40 metres

**Lifespan:** Short lived, 30 years approx.

**Growth rate:** Medium-fast.

**Soil preferred:** Poor gravelly soils, moist to dry, well drained.

**Appearance:** Dull green thin highly aromatic leaves, fine fibrous interlaced grey bark.

**Flowers:** Small white flowers from October to January

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### FINDING FOXY

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## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week ANGUS



**For a consistent effort with his Home Learning each week & achieving great results. Well done!**

**Woolshed Dance Working Bee:** Thank you to everyone who came to Saturday's working bee.

We had a great turn up of families and all the jobs were completed quickly.

A huge thank you to Scott and Julia McKay and their staff who had already cleaned most of the woolshed, making our task much easier.

Thank you to- Tim, Bridie & Ada Hayes; Tania Day & Hamish McAlpin; Maree & Emily Gilbert; Susan, Laura & Jessica Bennett; Tim, Gaelyn & Daniel Deglatis; Dave & Lucia Clarke, Jonathan & Julia McKay.

**Odd jobs:** Just a request for a volunteer to clean out the gutters on the main office building.

If there are a couple of people who could spare an hour we'd appreciate it, otherwise we'll have to pay someone to do it.

By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

### GHIN GHIN BRIDGE CLOSURE

Closure of the Ghin Ghin Bridge at the Goulburn River will take place at **night** on the following dates:

**Sunday 13th April 8pm - 6am**

**Monday 14th April 8pm - 6am**

**Tuesday 15th April 8pm - 6am**

**Wednesday 16th April 8pm-6am**

**Thursday 17th April 8pm - 6am**

During these times, the bridge will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians. Emergency Services will have access through the bridge however, delays may occur.

John Canny  
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## READERS' WRITES

\*"We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the CFA brigades that attended the recent lightning strike fire at our property on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Their quick response and containment certainly saved a potential larger incident."  
—**Bob, Dot, Andrew & Jacqui Fairley**

\*"People living near Handcock's huge Warrenbayne pine plantation organised a well attended public forum in Violet Town last Sunday to discuss increasing community concern over clusters of rare cancers affecting local people.

*The plantations, like many throughout Victoria, were planted by the Victorian Government prior to being privatised in the 1990's. Surrounding communities have health concerns following decades of use of various sprays applied from the ground and from aircraft. Of greatest concern is the probable presence of dioxins similar to those contained in Agent Orange during the Vietnam War and at CFA Yarram.*

*Dr John Edgar, retired CSIRO scientist, spoke to us about the toxicology of dioxins.*

*Local resident, Erin Levy, outlined her family's exposure over more than three decades. The exposure of civilians and soldiers during the Vietnam War and of CFA members at Yarram were also discussed.*

*The meeting passed a number of resolutions including that Handcocks notify all adjacent landholders explaining when and what they plan to spray and that Handcocks monitor all residuals publicly and transparently through independent analysis.*

*Amongst other resolutions the meeting asked that government of various levels employ more properly trained staff to monitor regulations." —**Robyn Walsh, Yarck. 5773 4304***

## Editor's Note

The word around the traps is that starting from this week's edition of The Granite News, 'Foxy' may not always appear in the form of a picture.

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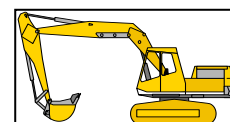
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# Classifieds & Community Notices

## LOCAL GOINGS ON



### The Cliff-hanger



Read the paper each morning and it appears nothing good happens.

Planes disappear, mine on fire, job losses, Vladimir Putin, Nathan Buckley gets a contract extension –the list seems endless but two weeks ago many good things did happen.

**Firstly:** Craig and Jenny Murphy donated the artificial grass for the damaged (by yours truly) cricket pitch at the Ruffy Cricket Ground.

**Secondly:** A bunch of guys most of whom don't play cricket (and the ones that think they do, don't really) installed the new surface.

**Thirdly:** One of the most enjoyable days of cricket was played on said surface less than 24 hours after it was finished. *The Cliff-hanger* played between Maygar's Men from the low country organised by Jenny Houghton from country's Hill Winery (first shameless product placement) vs the up country Wilderness team.

**Fourthly:** On International Woman's Day four enthusiastic girls played. Sammy won "The Soul of The Match" award with a Strong performance with bat (shared in last wicket stand of 48) a wicket and inspirational fielding. She looked like she had spent the afternoon in a dust puddle by the end of the game from her many desperate dives—fielding as well as batting.



*Doug 'The Demon' Maclean, David 'Slugga' Sleigh & Shaun 'Maggins' McLennan re-laying the RCG pitch*

**Fifthly:** The sledging was first class and strictly aimed at ones' team mates.

The humour and good grace displayed by all involved made for a great and enjoyable day. The opposition keeper sincerely coaching from behind the stumps was much appreciated. The crowd of over 50 was enthusiastic especially the dog that barked any time someone clapped.

**Sixthly:** The hampers supplied by the Euroa Weekend Local (2nd shameless product plug) for lunch raised the bar for future games and were enjoyed by all the cricketers so much that the second innings was reduced by 5 overs.



*Maygar's Captain Greg, 'Soul of the Match' Sammy Strong & Wilderness Captain Scott*

**Seventhly:** The afternoon tea supplied by the home side (being Maygar's Men as we were playing at Maygar Park) was the best ever..... because it has never happened before.

**Eighthly:** The catches by

1 Alan Jarrott sprint (5 yards), dive (fall over actually), theatrical roll (for show) was as spectacular as any seen on television this year.

2 Shaun McLennan's split-second diving to his left reaction catch was even better especially as it put his bowling shoulder back in place!

**Ninthly:** Claire Debney and Laura Penny not killing us for getting them back to front all day.

**Tenthly:** The Taco's and Tortilla's at The Mexican Wave (The Ruffy Store- 3rd shameless plug) afterwards were sensational and just got bigger. By Sunday afternoon there were 100's

**Eleventhly:** The result a cliff-hanger - not that it mattered much but with Maygar's Men needing 6 runs from six balls (Fraser's maths) Jack Murphy took the last wicket to give the Wilderness the win by 12 runs!



*TV Personality Brian Dawe presents the Maygar Ball to winning Captain Scott McKay*

Great batting performances by Rob (34), and Travis (56) for Maygar's and Alan (49no), Sammy (15no) & Maggins (17) for Wilderness.

Superb Bowling performances by Glenn from Maygar's and the Girls—Sammy, Laura, Claire and Kate, one wicket each and Neil Van Buren 3 runs for 3 wickets.

Thanks all for coming and we will do it all again *foxy* next year.

By Scott McKay

### NOTICE TO RUFFY RESIDENTS

As part of the conditions for the **Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP)** at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, the fuel load along the approach roads to the NSP needs to be managed periodically to ensure that access during fire conditions will be as safe as possible.

The Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade in conjunction with the Shire of Strathbogie is therefore planning a **trial burn of light fuel**, to be conducted in April when conditions are suitable. A stretch along **Buntings Hill Road**, a maximum of 100 m either side of the junction with Noye Lane, has been targeted for this limited scale trial burn, and adjoining landholders are being personally contacted. The trial burn will be conducted in accordance with relevant DEPI, Shire and CFA guidelines.

Following the trial burn, a meeting will be held to inform the Ruffy community of any planned further fuel reduction burns and to discuss any issues that might arise. For any further information, please contact the Captain of the Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade, John Furlanetto  
**Tel. 5795 3435 or 0427 344 956**

### HIGHLAND RAMBLERS March 2014

Highland Ramblers' first mission for the year was to conquer the hills of Habbies Howe, and by taking a gradual way up, it was quite an easy climb. The cooler weather was pleasant, particularly as there was little shade on top.

We continued along the ridge to a lunch stop overlooking Kobyboyn and Looking Glass.

As wildflowers were in short supply we tested our eucalypt identification skills, with Stuart taking the honours.



Opting for the mountain goat route down the steep slope and slippery rockfaces wasn't perhaps the best choice but we made it unscathed, and we scrambled under enough fences to be a shoo-in when the Commandos come recruiting.

This city girl learnt the hard way that gingerly tapping an electric fence is not an infallible guide to whether it's on or not - grasping it with both hands and climbing through will give you a much better idea!  
By Louise Currie



**Highland Ramblers.....a rambling !**

# COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL 2014

<b>CFA ROSTERS</b> W/C Mar 30th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruffy ..... 3rd Lieutenant Ryan Furlanetto's Team</li> <li>• Terip Terip..... Captain Geoff Penny's Team</li> </ul>
<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b>	<b>W/C 31st Mar</b> Tim & Frances Lawrence—Peter Short & Betty Jenkins—Both Sides Springs Rd & 4 Courts <b>W/C 14th Apr</b> Craig & Jenny Murphy—Neville & Sue Debney—Around Clubhouse & All Four Courts
	<b>MARCH is RED CROSS CALLING MONTH</b> Your donations can be made at the <b>Ruffy Store</b> or the <b>Tablelands Community Centre</b> (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” <b>Thank You for your continued support, from Olga and Jan</b>
<b>Sunday 30th March</b> 11:15am	<b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip <b>Harvest Festival.</b> This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. A non-perishable item for this Harvest Festival, to pass on to charity, would be appreciated. After the service, you are welcome to enjoy some lunch in the Hall followed by our AGM. <b>For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b>
<b>Friday 4th April</b> 6:30 for 7pm	<b>YEA WETLANDS DINNER</b> Maranatha Hall, Lyons St., Yea The Yea Wetlands Committee is proud to present another Special Evening with Guest Speaker, Ron Litjens. This time Ron will talk about Rakali, the Australian White Tailed Water Rat. Nibbles and Two course meal Coffee and chocolates to follow. Cost: \$40 per person — drinks at bar prices <b>To book contact Glenda Woods 0428 321545 <a href="mailto:woodsyg@bigpond.net.au">woodsyg@bigpond.net.au</a></b>
<b>Friday 4th April</b> 7:30pm	<b>BINGO!!! @ TERIP RECREATION RESERVE</b> Cnr Top Road & Springs Road Terip 20 rounds - \$1 per playing card per round – primary school children play free. Every round wins a prize. Supper provided. <b>Contact Cindy 5790 4226 or Frances 0427 904 262</b>
<b>Friday 4th 6:00pm</b> <b>Saturday 5th 8:00pm</b> <b>Sunday 6th March 4:00pm</b>	<b>EUROA CINEMA</b> “Hunger Games – Catching Fire” 146 mins (M) **** 3.5 stars This movie resumes the story as a triumphant Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), winners of the 74 <sup>th</sup> Hunger Games, tour the various districts of the country – where signs of dissent are violently crushed by faceless goons. Also starring Liam Hemsworth and Donald Sutherland <b>A special screening will be held on Friday night (April 4) for the Shire Youth Services group where we will screen the first Hunger Games followed by the latest one above.</b>
<b>Saturday 5th April</b> 9am-2pm	<b>YEA COUNTRY MARKET</b> 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
<b>Sunday 6th April</b> 12 Noon Events Start 1pm	<b>CREIGHTONS CREEK PICNIC</b> at the Creightons Creek Reserve The tradition is being continued - experience a day out as it was in the 1890s. Lots of events & Fun for the whole family Music by the 'Eurokafellas' and a display of working steam engines-Cost \$10 adult- children U15 free (inc afternoon tea) <b>For further information Contact Howard 5790 3282</b>
<b>Monday 7th April</b> 8:00pm	<b>RUFFY MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE Inc. (Ruffy Community Hall)</b> Nolans Rd Ruffy Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at the Ruffy Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve for a term of 3 years. The current committee's term will expire on 22nd April 2014. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged. <b>Contact Secretary Sharron Batt 5790 4329</b>
<b>Friday 11th April</b> 6:30pm	<b>'DRINKS ON THE DECK'</b> 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. <b>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</b>
<b>Saturday 12th April</b> 9:00am	<b>HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE</b> Highlands Hall, Highlands Please come along & help us finish the jobs we started. Bring appropriate tools for painting, plumbing & gardening & join us on Saturday 12th April at 9am & a BBQ lunch at midday. <b>For more information contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 or Judy Reid 5796 9358</b>
<b>Sunday 13th April</b> 11:15am	<b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. <b>For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b>
<b>Saturday 19th April</b> 9am-1pm	<b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa “Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop” A wonderful range of farm fresh foxy produce from “local” producers. <b>Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 <a href="mailto:hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au">hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au</a></b>
<b>Saturday 19th April</b> 9am-1pm	<b>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB are holding a home cooking/produce stall at the Euroa Farmers Market.</b> Please come along and buy some of our delicious treats or we would appreciate any donations. <b>Contact Cindy 5790 4226 or Frances 0427 904 262</b>

**TODAY!**

