



## CONVERSATIONS

### St David's Uniting Church Terip-Ruffly at the Cross-Roads

St David's Uniting Church Terip-Ruffly was opened in 1894 and, after originally being attached to Alexandra, is now connected with Euroa since 1935.

Over its long history the Church has played an important part in the local community, enjoyed a large congregation, a very healthy Sunday school and in the 1980's even saw the formation of a Youth Group.

The situation today is unfortunately quite different.

The number of people attending the Sunday services, conducted twice a month by Rev. Glenys Gill from Euroa, has dropped to a critical low and we face the closure of the church, unless more community members will support it.

The small congregation is active not just at Sunday services but tries to outreach to the broader community. Examples of this are the collection of goods at Harvest Festival for distribution to needy families.

A regular luncheon for the Seniors in our area, prepared by a few church members and other volunteers, is held every third Monday of the month in the Church hall.

The future of the Uniting Church is not only a decision by its congregation but should involve the wider community. It would thus be of great interest to know, what this church means to members of the local community:

- \* Do you see the presence of a church in the local community as being important?
- \* What do you think would be lost if the Uniting Church in Terip-Ruffly closes?
- \* What do you think should change to keep this Church viable?
- \* Would you be prepared to help in any way?

The congregation will have a meeting to decide on the future of its Church on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we would greatly appreciate any sort of feedback before then, either by phone, in writing or by email to the Chairperson of Terip-Ruffly Church Council:

Bill Eddy 20 Nolans Road, Ruffly 3666  
Ph: 5790 4264  
[j.eddy29@bigpond.com](mailto:j.eddy29@bigpond.com)

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week Emily

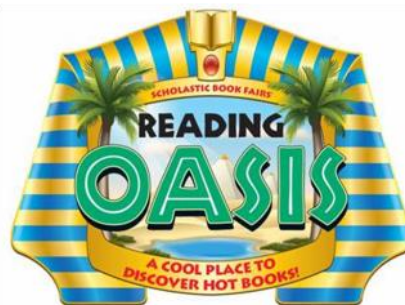


### For enthusiastic participation in all events at the Chaplaincy Camp. Well done!

**Fundraiser:** HPS are catering for a luncheon at the Highlands Hall on Saturday 10th May. We are asking people to volunteer an hour or two of their time to help with preparing and serving food and cleaning up and washing dishes on the day. We also require people to make sandwiches, soup, mini quiches and pastries. If you can help out please let me know.

**Odd jobs:** Thank you to Hamish McAlpin who has offered to clean out the gutters. We need someone to help Hamish. If you can spare an hour please let me know and we'll coordinate a time that suits everyone.  
By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

## HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



The school is running a Book Fair Mon 5th & Tues 6th May 8.30 – 4 pm  
A wide variety of books for sale at very reasonable prices.  
You're invited to come along and purchase books for birthdays/Christmas/special occasions and it's also an opportunity to purchase books for the school.

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### HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



### End of Season Meeting & AGM (Election of Office Bearers) Saturday 31st May

11am at Highlands Fire Shed  
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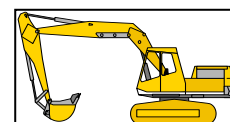
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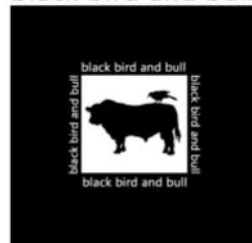


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## LOCAL GOINGS ON



### **CATCHING SMALLPOX IN RUFFY, THAT'S JUST DANDY!**

*Get ready for a journey into the unexpected.*

Just Shows To Go is bringing the intriguing world of mime right to your doorstep at the Ruffy Hall.

The night kicks off with Daniel Oldaker in his persona of "Dandyman", a cross between a gnome and a lounge-lizard, sartorially elegant in a powder blue suit. Drawing on physical comedy, sleight of hand and absurd acrobatics, Dandyman performs on the edge of chaos. You can sense a touch of Mr. Bean, but without the crippling embarrassment. He achieves a delightful mixture of childlike wonder and adult sophistication in his humour

After interval, we are treated to "Love and Baggage" created by Smallpox Theatre. David Splatt and Gemma Lark have created their own unique style of vaudeville, puppetry and mime. They explore the whimsical world of "Isn't and Is": two dysfunctional vagabond clowns determined to find their fairytale ending amidst the chaos and calamity that coats their courtship. Not a disease - a delight. Don't miss them. Both shows are family friendly, so please bring your kids, grandkids or neighbour's kids. Please ensure children are supervised at all times by an accompanying adult.

The RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays Series is proudly presented in Ruffy by RuffArtZ and is supported by the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria.

"Dandyman" and "Love & Baggage" will be performed on Saturday 17 May at 8 pm in the Ruffy Hall. **Tickets are on sale now from Verena on 5790 4309.**

### **Free Screening of.... 'One Answer To Cancer'** by Elaine Hollingsworth

**One woman's journey of discovery on beating her cancer, sharing her story and the ripples that flowed.**

**With others telling their stories including - Inductile Breast Cancer, Basal Cell Carcinoma, Deadly Ewing's Sarcoma, and how they have successfully managed their cancers.**

**Venue--Ruffy Produce Store  
Wednesday 14th May 7pm - 9 pm**

## **HANNIE RAYSON in Highlands Conversations**

The first lady of the Australian Stage, playwright Hannie Rayson wends her way up to Highlands for a community conversation

Hannie Rayson-playwright ("Life after George", "Hotel Sorrento" and 10 more), screenwriter (some episodes of "Seachange"), columnist, and memoirist comes to Highlands Gallery for an intimate and informal conversation about her work, motivations and her dreams & schemes. This is a first: for Hannie and for her collaborator Bruno Lettieri, of Victoria University's Rotunda in the West 'Conversations with Australian Writers'.

Michael Leunig, Raimond Gaita, Helen Garner, Cate Kennedy and many more have humbly graced the Rotunda stage. The writers love the down-to-earth audience that turns up on a monthly basis. Hannie Rayson of course features annually at Rotunda and is part of the very soul of the whole enterprise.

It was Hannie Rayson's wit, warmth and unpretentiousness that caught the heart of local *Margie McAlpin* who rolls into Rotunda-land to soak up the conversations. It was spontaneously decided that Rotunda and Rayson should bring the conversation to Highlands.

**Where:** Dennis Spiteri's Hillcrest Gallery 6020 Old Highlands Road, Highlands.

**When:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**Cost:** \$15 entrance to the conversation and \$20 for lunch at the Highlands Hall. Highlands Primary School will cater for lunch, with profits supporting our local school. Local wines from Antcliff's Chase will be available.

**RSVP:** [Bruno.Lettieri@vu.edu.au](mailto:Bruno.Lettieri@vu.edu.au) by May 1st.

## TRADING PLACES

*Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals*

### **WANTED WANTED**

A copy of Helen McCall's work, "Highlands - 1882-1982"

I have written a history of our Chisholm family from Strathglass in Scotland.

The family eventually settled at Fernside, Kobyboyn and many relatives settled in Highlands and some in Ruffy.

I have been trying to source a copy of Helen McCall's work, "Highlands - 1882-1982" which is out of print.

Perhaps a Granite News reader has a copy they no longer require or who may be willing to sell it.

If you can help, please contact Peter Chisholm [peterchis3145@gmail.com](mailto:peterchis3145@gmail.com) or [editor@tqn.org.au](mailto:editor@tqn.org.au)



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## **LOCAL GARDENING WORKSHOPS**

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\* The second workshop in the series to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May will be with a professional landscape designer who will take us through how to bring your ideas together to develop a balanced garden.

\* The third workshop will bring everything together into a plan and learn about our own local native plants.

\* The last workshop will take you through how to take cuttings and seed propagation of native plants.

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# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MAY 2014

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<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b>	<p><b>W/C 5th May</b> Chris &amp; Helen Bradbury—Brian &amp; Gail Van Rooyen—Around Clubhouse &amp; All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p><b>W/C 19th May</b> Alec &amp; Marion Rowan—Max &amp; Joan Eddy—Car Park &amp; All Four Courts</p>
<b>Monday 5th May &amp; Tuesday 6th 8:30am-4pm</b>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIR</b> at the Highlands Primary School <span style="float: right; background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>TOMORROW</b></span></p> <p>A wide variety of books for sale at very reasonable prices. Bring a friend or neighbour and help the School</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Diann Schrapel 5796 9208</b></p>
<b>Wednesday 7th May 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP</b> Ruffy Public Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy</p> <p>Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to hear about activities since February and to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everyone is Welcome.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268</b></p>
<b>Saturday 10th May 11.30am</b>	<p><b>DENNIS SPITERI'S HILLCREST GALLERY &amp; STUDIO</b> Old Highlands Rd., Highlands</p> <p><b>"Hannie Rayson and Bruno Lettieri in Highlands Conversations"</b>, Lunch &amp; a Glass or two of Antcliff's Chase Wine ! Gallery Entrance Fee \$15, Lunch \$20pp. Bookings Essential. <b>Contact Bruno.Lettieri@vu.edu.au</b> before May 1st</p>
<b>Saturday 10th 8:00pm Sunday 11th May 4:00pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA</b> "The Monuments Men" 118 mins (M) *** 3 stars</p> <p>In 1944, an ill-assorted small group of art experts is assigned to locate and retrieve works of art, mainly painting and sculptures, stolen from churches and galleries and France and Belgium by The Germans during WWII</p> <p>Starring George Clooney (who also directed), Matt Damon, Bill Murray and Kate Blanchett, this is another in a series of movies this year that have been based on true stories</p>
<b>Sunday 11th May 10:30am</b>	<p><b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip</p> <p><b>On Mothers Day</b> we invite you to a Morning Tea at the Church Hall at <b>10.30am</b>. The service by Reverend Glenys Gill, starts at 11.15 am and will be highlighted by special songs performed by local singer, Laurie Howell. It will conclude with Holy Communion. All welcome. <b>For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b></p>
<b>Sunday 11th May 1:00pm</b>	<p><b>ROCKY PASSES ARGENTINIAN BARBEQUE</b> 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek</p> <p>Serving "Parillada Argentina" \$25 per head and Bookings essential <b>Contact 5796 9366</b></p>
<b>Monday 12th May 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b> Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)</p> <p>Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. <b>Contact Ros Goodwin 5790 4161</b></p>
<b>Wednesday 14th May 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>"ONE ANSWER to CANCER "</b> Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>You are invited to a free screening of Elaine Hollingsworth's film about her battle with breast cancer. <b>Contact Helen 5790 4387</b></p>
<b>Saturday 17th May 9am-1pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</p> <p><i>"Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. <b>Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 <a href="http://www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org">www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</a></b></p>
<b>Saturday 17th May 8:00pm Doors Open 7:30</b>	<p><b>RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2014"</b> at the Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd, Ruffy</p> <p>A wonderful, mischievous, sometimes surreal double bill! Firstly <b>Dandyman</b>: comedy, mime, acrobatics, &amp; magic. Then <b>Love &amp; Baggage</b>: puppetry &amp; mime exploring the sweet &amp; sour sides of love, marriage and family. Sit back and enjoy this evening with your BYO drinks and nibbles. <b>For tickets (\$25.00) contact Verena on 5790 4309.</b></p>
<b>Monday 19th May 8:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING</b> Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road</p> <p>Quarterly committee meeting and All Welcome. <b>Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</b></p>
<b>Friday 23rd May 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)</b> Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road</p> <p><i>"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"</i> BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share <b>Contact Henry 5790 4246</b></p>
<b>Friday 23rd May 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>W B GADD WINTER 2014 FASHION PREVIEW &amp; LIVE MUSIC</b> 1 Queen St., Avenel</p> <p>Come along and see our Winter Fashion Range with Guest Speaker Peri Drysdale from MerinoMink</p> <p>Also, back by popular demand <b>CLAUDE CARRANZA (Black Sorrows)</b> \$25 per head <b>Book at <a href="http://www.wbgadd/">www.wbgadd/</a></b></p>
<b>Saturday 24th May 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>BRAVE GOOSE VINEYARD — DINNER</b> Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>Ruffy Store &amp; Brave Goose Vineyard invite you to a Shared Table Dinner. Featuring wines by winemaker Nina Stocker. \$60 pp. Bookings Essential <b>Contact Helen 5790 4387 <a href="mailto:store@ruffy.com.au">store@ruffy.com.au</a></b></p>
<b>Thursday 29th May 5:30pm</b>	<p><b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> 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>
<b>Friday 30th May 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT</b> 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 &amp; wine with friends. <b>Contact 5796 9366 or <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a></b></p>