



## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### Gliders and Possums

Whiteheads Creek Landcare wrapped up this stage of its Gliders & Possums project.

Perhaps some thought we knew all there was to know about nest boxes, but we soon learned there was lots more fascinating stuff.

Guest speaker Ray Thomas, famous for his Regent Honeyeater project at Lurg, East of Benalla, gave an enthralling talk highlighting their experience and giving tips on how to make a nest box project really work. Ray has over 400 boxes installed and told us that Squirrel Gliders being larger can pick the best locations, although a family of Sugar Gliders can also pack some clout. In our area we are far more likely to see Sugar Gliders or Phascogales than Squirrel Gliders. We might also see Yellow Footed Antechinus, a small carnivorous marsupial that shelters in tree stumps along the roadsides, (may be sometimes seen on Koboyboyn Road near Alan Coulson's in daylight on a suitable day).



Ray made a few points for nest box success:

- \* Place the box facing to the SE on a tree that provides shade on 40 degree days.
- \* Nest boxes are not as good at insulation as an actual tree hollow.
- \* Place the boxes high enough to be less accessible to ferals and not so high that you can't inspect them.
- \* The hole should be small, for Gliders and Phascogales, only 40mm, but Brushtail Possums and Ringtail Possums need larger holes. They are also very beneficial for the bush, as the Brushtails eat emergent Mistletoe.

You can learn more about Ray's Regent Honeyeater Project, one of the great stories of community action at a practical level, by going to <http://regenthoneyeater.org.au/nest-box.php>

By Lesley Dalziel

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week Lucia



### For thorough work on her homework tasks each week. Well done!

**Cathy McGowan:** Last week, Jonathan, Cindy, Di, Bridget and myself attended a meeting with independent member for Indi Cathy McGowan. We discussed education, mental health, mobile and broadband access in rural communities. It was a very informative meeting. We hope Cathy will come and visit HPS in the very near future.



Graham and Rick are working hard in preparation for the **Kids Teaching Kids Program** which will culminate with a workshop day at Yea Wetlands on Tuesday 9th September.

Graham and Rick have set up the aquaponics system at HPS from scratch, digging the large holes to fit the tanks, building the hot house, setting up garden beds and planting plants. Rick has put together a Powerpoint which shows the entire project and the scientific process behind aquaponics. On the Kids Teaching Kids day Rick will share his knowledge with other primary aged students from across the area. The KTK and Landcare coordinators visited HPS last week to talk to Graham and Rick and to see the progress so far on the project. They were suitably impressed and have returned to their offices raving about the work Graham and Rick have completed. Rick is available at any time to conduct guided tour of the aquaponics system. Congratulations to them both on their great work.  
By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS



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## READERS' WRITES

*"What a fabulous place we live in. Last week's letters to the editor were a juxtaposition! Perhaps it is time to celebrate our diversity and encourage a community we can all enjoy—encourage new ideas rather than being so divisive. (Personally, whilst Strawberry Fields' line-up is not my cup of tea I'd go one further than Tom McCooney and attend just to encourage further initiatives in the district.)"*  
—Freya Stokell, Ruffy

*"At attaining a certain age the Government of Victoria issues you with a Seniors Card which states 'The holder of this card is a valued member of our community, please extend every courtesy and assistance'. It is a shame that our Editor and Longwood Plains Coordinator, could not have shown our elder citizens on the Weibye Track such courtesy instead of causing upset by their vigilante style of roadside management. Fortunately you don't make the rules."*  
—John Goodwin, Ruffy

## LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

### Fox on the Run... .....Keeps Running !!

The Fox on the Run competition has now been extended to finish on **Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.**

This will give hunters an extra two weeks to shoot foxes and submit tails on that day between 9:30 and 10:30 at the Tablelands Community Centre.

All teams who submit tails will receive **a free cap or beanie and a stubby cooler for each team member**, so if you haven't already done so; Get Hunting!

Great prizes are up for grabs with **\$500** for the team and individual who collects the most tails and **\$250** for the team and individual who place second. If you haven't already registered your team and would like to do so please Contact Simone on 5790 4146 or [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

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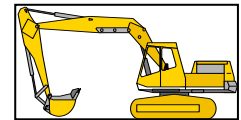
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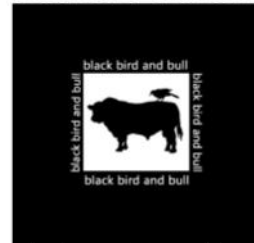


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### CHRISTMAS IN JULY TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE

Saturday 12th July 2014 at 6pm

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### A BIT of HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT HISTORY.....continued

#### Recollections of Streams in the North East Victoria

By Mr Robert (Bert) McKenzie

*This is the 2nd instalment of this memoir as supplied to Anne Shovelton by  
Mr JJ Hill of Ruffy*

In 1920/21 we had one hundred acres rented around the Dhurringile Homestead,  
Toolamba, hence the fishing in the channels.

At the same time the home base was one farm on the Sevens Creek followed by  
one on the Castle Creek in the Branjee area.

The Castle Creek had quite a lot of Macquaries and Blackfish and the Sevens  
Creek, from the farm, five miles from Euroa was loaded with small Trout Cod,  
Macquaries and Blackfish.

The Sevens Creek in drought years often stopped running from Euroa down,  
concentrating the fish in the deeper pools and for a few weeks the fishing was fast  
and furious. Fish in the main were Trout Cod and Macquaries to two pounds.  
In those days there were miles of those waters, all heavily stocked with trout cod  
(small) and Macquaries likewise.

In those days it seemed impossible that mere fishing would overtake supply in the  
Goulburn River which I fished at Molesworth, Cathkin, Alexandra and Thornton.

In those stretches of the Goulburn in those days at Christmas and Easter, it was  
estimated that campers numbered 500 to the mile of the river. They came from  
Melbourne by train and the local farmers carted their camping gear to the river and  
I have no doubt profited quite considerably by doing just that.

It would seem at the time that it would be utterly impossible to eliminate the Trout  
Cod and the Macquaries from the waters they inhabited. But around 1922 or 1923,  
the old Eildon Weir was built and acted, I believe, as a settling dam and the water  
became crystal clear and I believe the smaller fish became easy prey for the large  
Trout Cod and Redfin then inhabiting the river.

In the Eildon itself, various stretches were teeming (Big River) with small  
Macquaries and in the UT Creek area, I landed at least 20 small cod proclaiming at  
least two breeding grounds for Trout Cod and Macquaries.

The Cod fishing deteriorated in the Goulburn and the Macquaries to a lesser extent,  
but after the greater Eildon Weir was built in the late Forties, both fish have been  
practically wiped out, at least as a fishing proposition.

In so far as the Macquaries are concerned, the breeding grounds have been  
destroyed by the colder water or siltation.

I believe that where the main streams enter our reservoirs, new breeding grounds  
will have to be established not by releasing fry but establishing natural breeding  
places by the use of spawn or eggs in a natural setting in the river beds to which  
mature fish will return when their turn comes to drop their spawn.

From what some of the older residents have told me in the Riverina, streams  
completely dried up in severe droughts (before Samuel McCaughey built dams on  
them) but the small cod and big appeared back in the streams as soon as those  
streams began to flow again.

Their breeding grounds would be headwater streams that did not stop flowing.

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# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JUNE/JULY 2014

<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b>	<p><b>W/C 23rd June</b> Ken &amp; Robyn Richards—Helen McKenzie      Around Clubhouse &amp; All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p><b>W/C 21st July</b> Tim &amp; Cindy Hayes—Marcus Hill &amp; Kara Penhale      Car Park and All Four Courts</p>
<b>NOW until Sunday 20th July</b>	<p><b>'FAMILIAR GROUND' ART EXHIBITION</b> at the Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd., Ruffy                  An exhibition of pastel works by Hurstbridge artist, Kylie Sirett. <span style="float: right;"><b>ON NOW !</b></span>                  Free Viewing — Yummy Cake &amp; Coffee are extra !</p>
<b>Sunday 22nd June 11:15am</b>	<p><b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip                  This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. <span style="float: right;"><b>TODAY !</b></span>                  After the service you are invited to a simple lunch at the Church Hall, followed by an <b>important meeting to decide on the future of the Terip-Ruffy Church.</b>                  All welcome. <b>For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b></p>
<b>Friday 27th June 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT</b> Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek                  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>
<b>Friday 27th June 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT</b> Tablelands Community Centre@Ruffy Nolans Road                  Family Fun &amp; Prizes—20 Rounds—\$1 per Playing Card Every Round Wins a Prize—Final Round Prize \$50                  Everyone is Welcome Free Supper Provided <b>Contact Sally 5790 4335 or 0407 904335</b></p>
<b>Saturday 28th June 8:00pm Sunday 29th June 4:00pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA "Belle"</b> 105 mins (PG) 3.5 stars Drama – based on a true story                  In 1769, Sir John Lindsay entrusts the care of his illegitimate daughter to his uncle, the Earl of Mansfield and his wife. The little girl will be a companion to another young girl of the same age.                  Twelve years later, Dido, finds out that her father has died and she has been left a considerable amount of money – by contrast her friend and companion is impoverished. This is a compelling story on many levels including race, class and morality. One area of exploration is the status of women in Britain in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the level of slavery and the beginning of the end of this trade.                  Beautiful London scenery, lovely period costuming and unpretentious characterisations feature in this compelling movie</p>
<b>Saturday 5th July 9am-2pm</b>	<p><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</p>
<b>Friday 11th July 6:30pm</b>	<p><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></p>
<b>Saturday 12th July 6:00pm</b>	<p><b>TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE Christmas in July</b> at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road                  Come along &amp; celebrate another year gone by with family, friends and neighbours.                  Enjoy a selection of Terip "farmhouse casseroles" and sumptuous desserts including Christmas Puddings and Trifles.                  Entertainment and pre-dinner sherries included. <b>Contact Kate Wright 5790 4148 by July 1st</b></p>
<b>Sunday 13th July 9:00am</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b> Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Ruffy                  We're having a good old Winter clean-up, so bring your tools &amp; implements. There'll also be a BBQ Lunch provided.  <b>Contact Don 5790 4007</b></p>
<b>Monday 14th July 9:30am-3:30pm</b>	<p><b>gotafe BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK for RURAL PRODUCERS</b> Delatite Hotel, Mansfield                  The purpose of this event is to explore topics key areas that promote sound agricultural practices, tackle future challenges and leave an enhanced industry for the next farming generation.                  Cost is \$60pp eligible or \$75pp ineligible <b>Contact Leigh Kidley 0457 543622</b></p>
<b>Monday 14th July 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b> Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Ruffy                  Monthly Committee Meeting. Everyone is always Welcome <b>Contact Don 5790 4007</b></p>
<b>Monday 14th July 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Annual General Meeting</b> at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road                  Everybody is Welcome <b>Contact Cindy 5790 4226</b></p>
<b>Friday 18th July 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)</b> 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 <b>Contact Henry 5790 4246</b></p>
<b>Saturday 19th July 9am-1pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa                  "Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop" 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 26th July 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY CHRISTMAS in JULY</b> at The Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road                  Complimentary drinks &amp; nibbles by the fire Delicious Christmas Roast Dinner with Homemade Plum Pudding                  Joint fundraiser for Ruffy Hall &amp; Recreation Reserve \$25 per adult \$15 per child (10 &amp; under free)  <b>Book your table now with Pam 5790 4240 or Kerry 5790 4392</b></p>

