



RUFFY ROADSIDE CLEARING —THE FINAL WORDS ?

A meeting was held at the corner of Noye Lane and Bunting's Hill Road, Ruffy last month to discuss the management of roadsides leading to the Ruffy Neighbourhood Safer Place.

Present were John Furlanetto (Ruffy CFA), Gary Washusen (Strathbogie Shire), Phil Hawkey (CFA Vegetation Officer), Janet Hagen (Landcare), Justus Hagen (Ruffy Community Action Group), Nigel Waterhouse (DEPI Alexandra) and Susan Sleight (Longwood Plains CMN). Susan posed a number of questions about the work done by the Shire & CFA and the processes that were followed. Phil explained the 'Community Safer Place' requirements and how these overrode the existing vegetation protection regulations. The correct permits had been applied for and approved by DEPI.

Nigel Waterhouse had identified an endangered species in the area and stipulated that no trees with hollows were to be burnt.

John Furlanetto explained that the large tree that fell down was never meant to burn, it had been inspected for hollows but they weren't spotted.

More care will be taken in the future. The burn was undertaken with good intentions.

Phil Hawkey noted that in all burn-offs unforeseen things can and do happen, even though planning for burns commences many months before the event.

Gary Washusen said that the roadside mulching was a trial, and that it was supposed to go no more than 1.5 metres from the road shoulder, but because large amounts of fallen timber were to be removed the operators had to go in further this time. Gary also pointed out that the safety of the road for drivers was of utmost importance and that the Shire was obliged to maintain the roadsides and keep vegetation from encroaching too far.

Janet requested that Landcare be included in the planning stages in future as they can assist the Strathbogie Shire in making roadsides safer, especially in areas identified as having significant vegetation. Since the meeting, Verena and Erwin Weinmann have demonstrated how community members can assist the Shire to clean up in an environmentally sensitive manner. With Shire approval, they tidied up the area across the road from the fire shed as part of the Ruffy streetscape improvement plan.

Nigel Waterhouse from DEPI pointed out that permits are required before any landholder clears native vegetation older than 10 years from shire managed land; and that includes our roadsides.

By Justus Hagen

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Elwyn



For terrific improvement with her handwriting. Well done!

Rotary Catering: We have secured 2 dates for Yea Rotary Club catering. Please mark 17th July & 18th Sept in your diaries. We will need lots of help. The first one, 17th July is the first week back after the holidays. Please let me know if you can help, on the night or prior to the event with food preparation.

Strawberry Fields: There have been many conversations and emails in regards to the Strawberry Fields event. Concerns need to be addressed to the Murrindindi Shire Council, Alexandra.
By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS



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The Granite News will be taking a 2 week break in line with the School Holidays.

The next edition of TGN, Issue 24, will be published on Sunday July 20th

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

Fox on the Run...Keeps Running !!

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

Fox Tails must be handed-in at the Tablelands Community Centre 9:30-10:30 that day, Sunday 13th

Teams who submit tails will receive a free beanie or cap plus a stubby cooler for each member.



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

Firewood Collection Permits

The Strathbogie Shire would like to remind residents of the following details:

- Firewood collection is not permitted in designated high conservation areas
- Permits cost \$10 and are valid for 14 days with a 1 cubic metre limit
- Firewood collected is for personal use only
- Firewood must be collected from fallen dead wood on the roadside
- You must ensure your own safety and that of all road users when collecting firewood

The use of heavy vehicles is not permitted to collect firewood

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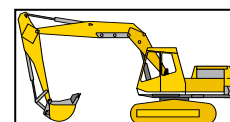
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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Saturday 12th July 2014 at 6pm

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Enjoy a selection of Terip "farmhouse casseroles" and Sumptuous Desserts including Christmas Puddings and Trifles.

Entertainment and pre-dinner sherries included.

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UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY CONSIDERS ITS FUTURE

You might remember an article in an earlier issue of *The Granite News*, explaining the current situation of the Uniting Church Terip-Ruffy and its uncertain future.

We had invited feedback from the wider community before the important Church meeting on 22nd of June.

This meeting was attended by a good representation of the congregation.

Two options were put for consideration:

- 1/ Do we keep going with only a few regular church goers or
- 2/ Do we close the church?

The clear decision that followed from the discussion was *not to close the church* but to change how services are held, and to review the situation in 6 months time.

The new format of services starting in August will be:

On the 2nd Sundays

Our minister Glenys Gill, will conduct the service at 11.15am

On the 4th Sundays

A church member will lead a different form of service at a place and time that might better suit people in Terip and Ruffy.

This will be advertised in *The Granite News* and also with a notice on the church door.

We hope that many people will take up the invitation to be part of this renewal.

Remember, the foundation of the Uniting Church Terip-Ruffy was laid 120 years ago; it has had its ups and downs—let's hope that with your support it will be on the way up again!

By Verena Weinmann

Ruffy Christmas in July Ruffy Hall Saturday 26 July

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JULY 2014

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	<p>W/C 23rd June Ken & Robyn Richards—Helen McKenzie Around Clubhouse & All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 21st July Tim & Cindy Hayes—Marcus Hill & Kara Penhale Car Park and All Four Courts</p>
NOW until Sunday 20th July	<p>'FAMILIAR GROUND' ART EXHIBITION at the Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd., Ruffy An exhibition of pastel works by Hurstbridge artist, Kylie Sirett. ON NOW ! Free Viewing — Yummy Cake & Coffee are extra !</p>
Saturday 5th July 9am-2pm	<p>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</p>
Saturday 5th July 8:00pm Sunday 6th July 4:00pm	<p>EUROA CINEMA "Chef" 115 mins (M) 3.5 stars Family /comedy A fun movie with great shots of luscious food, foot tapping music and a warm story of a dad reconnecting with his son. Carl is a leading chef, given a free hand in a restaurant as long as he follows the menu..... But after a food critic 'incident' he is without a job and has to look at a change in direction – which turns out to be working in a food truck (with the help of his ex-wife). This is also a lesson in how not to use social media – it can have a dire effect on your career prospects! Starring: Robert Downey Jnr, Dustin Hoffman, Scarlett Johansson, Jon Favreau, Emjay Anthony and Oliver Platt</p>
Friday 11th July 6:30pm	<p>'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</p>
Saturday 12th July 6:00pm	<p>TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE Christmas in July at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road Come along & celebrate another year gone by with family, friends and neighbours. Enjoy a selection of Terip "farmhouse casseroles" and sumptuous desserts including Christmas Puddings and Truffles. Entertainment and pre-dinner sherries included. Contact Kate Wright 5790 4148 by July 1st</p>
Sunday 13th July 9:00am	<p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Ruffy We're having a good old Winter clean-up, so bring your tools & implements. There'll also be a BBQ Lunch provided. Contact Don 5790 4007</p>
Sunday 13th July 11:15am	<p>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p>
Monday 14th July 9:30am-3:30pm	<p>gotafe BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK for RURAL PRODUCERS 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 Contact Leigh Kidley 0457 543622</p>
Monday 14th July 7:30pm	<p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Ruffy Monthly Committee Meeting. Everyone is always Welcome Contact Don 5790 4007</p>
Monday 14th July 7:30pm	<p>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Annual General Meeting at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road Everybody is Welcome Contact Cindy 5790 4226</p>
Friday 18th July 7:00pm	<p>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road <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 Contact Henry 5790 4246</p>
Saturday 19th July 9am-1pm	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</p>
Friday 25th July 7:30pm	<p>HCCC LANDCARE MEETING Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy Monthly Landcare meeting with plenty to discuss. Everybody is Welcome. Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</p>
Saturday 26th July 6:30pm	<p>RUFFY CHRISTMAS in JULY at The Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road Complimentary drinks & nibbles by the fire Delicious Christmas Roast Dinner with Homemade Plum Pudding Joint fundraiser for Ruffy Hall & Recreation Reserve \$25 per adult \$15 per child (10 & under free) Book your table now with Pam 5790 4240 or Kerry 5790 4392</p>
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