



## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### What is that in your paddock ?

Don't use the excuse that it escaped from the neighbour's property, weed control is the responsibility of every landholder and land user.

Each year HCCC Landcare, Murrindindi, and Strathbogie Councils do their bit by funding the treatment of hundreds of kilometres of roadsides for weeds in the local area.

Weeds such as Blackberry, Briar, Gorse, Broom, Holly, Ivy, St John's Wort and Paterson's Curse are on the target list. Weeds are damaging to the environment as they are:

- # Highly invasive
- # Restrict access to watercourses
- # Restrict the growth of natives and pastures by limiting sunlight
- # Provide harbour & food for pests such as rabbits and foxes
- # Unpalatable/ toxic to grazing animals
- # Can become a fire hazard

The most recent project was contracting Hillside Weed Spraying to treat blackberries along roadsides in the Highlands area. This area was chosen to coincide with the DEPI compliance project which had issued over 30 notices to landholders.



Peter Krikic from Hillside Weed Spraying working on a Ghin Ghin roadside

With a combined effort from all landholders we can limit the spread and growth of environmental weeds.

The season for treatment of weeds such as blackberry is now.

We encourage you and your neighbour to check your paddocks, bushland and water ways and have weeds treated.

For more information contact Landcare Weeds Facilitator- Simone 5790 4146 [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

*Editor's Footnote: In the recent Creighton's Creek fire, large infestations of blackberry appeared to be contributing factors to the initial intensity of the blaze.*



## Bonnie's Art is a Local Highlight

Bonnie Neicho's art is energy, it is powerful and explosive.

This highly expressive young artist paints with intensity and freedom.

Bonnie, a student in Highlands, is self-taught and has only recently discovered her love of abstract painting.

She enjoys experimenting with a wide range of materials e.g. tile, wax, wood and found objects such as a goat skull and LCD screen.



Bonnie has exhibited and sold at the Mansfield Art Show and the Ruffy Artfest, where she was awarded the "Up and Coming Artist of 2014".

She was recently part of Rustic Simplicity's Touch a HeART Exhibition in Alexandra.

Bonnie participated in the Yea Wetlands Artist's PaintOut in September 2014, her work has appeared in North by North East Magazine and The Yea Chronicle.

Bonnie painted a large canvas at the opening of the Yea Arts Carnivale at the Yea Railway Park.

She is holding her first Solo Exhibition at the Highlands Hall on January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> as part of the Yea Arts Carnivale.

You can see this unconventional, action painter on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wetlands PaintOut - Artists Workshop, Cummins Reserve, Yea.



Hughes Creek  
Catchment Collaborative

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**Subsidies are now available through the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare group combined pest plant & animal funding for Weed Control and Rabbit Ripping.**

Please email Simone on [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com) or call 57904146 for more info.



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To assist landholders bordering the burnt areas in Ruffy and Longwood East, the HCCC Landcare network is offering free rabbit warren ripping & harbour removal. This is because many of the rabbits will have moved from the bushfire affected areas into the adjoining farmland and bush to find food. Landholders within the burnt area are being offered free ripping via the Creightons Creek Landcare Group & Granite Creeks Project.

If you are interested in receiving one free day of excavator ripping in areas close to the fire edge

**Please contact Janet Hagen 57904268**

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## SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

***Sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia is the proper name for an ice-cream headache, often called a brain freeze***

## FINDING FOXY

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## Classifieds & Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

# 37th RUFFY (Royal) GYMKHANA

**Sunday 1st February**

**Hosted by Ruffy Adult Riders Club**

- # Official HRCVA Ring
- # 2 x Hack/Pony Rings
- # Topsy Ring & Show Jumping
- # Fun Ring & Freshman Jumping

**\$5 Entry for HRCVA Members**

**\$30 Non Members**

**9am Start with Breakfast & BBQ Lunch Available**

*For Enquiries Contact Kerry Hewlett*

**57904392 or 0409438678**

North-eastern Club will run an official HRCVA Ring  
on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January only, starting at 3pm

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### **LOOKING FOR A SMALL SHED**

The Upton Landcare Centre at the Avenel Maze needs a shed to house stuff for the Native Seed Nursery, about 6m x 3m with door that can be secured. Would prefer a metal frame and gal iron sheeting.

If you have one that's in the way please contact  
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Y WATER  
DISCOVERY CENTRE

**Join us!** on Monday 2 February 2015

**Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood Street, Yea**



**7.30–9 am** Guided Walk with the Birds (from 7 am for café style coffee) – light breakfast included

**4.30–6.00 pm** Refreshments and announcement of the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network's Photography Competition People's Choice Award – kids' activities from 4.30 pm

Attend either or both events.  
Events are free but RSVP essential.  
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# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JAN/FEB 2015



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January 25th**

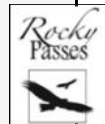
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- **Ruffy** ..... 2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team
- **Highlands/Caveat** ..... Driver: Brian Leahy Radio: Les Gates
- **Terip Terip**.....3rd Lieutenant Tim Lawrence's Team

**TODAY !**

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**Sunday 25th  
January  
11am-5pm**

**ROCKY PASSES ESTATE** 1590 Highlands Rd. Whiteheads Creek  
An Exhibition of 4 Local Artists as part of the Yea Arts Carnivale featuring works by  
Sandra Bowkett—Rob Freeman—Philip Wischer—Vitto Oles  
Also serving our legendary local TAPAS from 12:30pm **Contact 5796 9366**



**Sunday  
25th January**

**BONNIE NEICHO ART EXHIBITION** at The Highlands Hall-  
Come along and see Bonnie's work and other Community Art

**ON NOW !**

**Until March 9th**

**THE RUFFY PRODUCE STORE** Nolans Road Ruffy  
An exhibition of linocut and pastel artworks in support of the Yea Arts Carnivale  
Maria Barbaro — Kylie Sirett — Libby Shreiber **Contact Helen 5790 4387**  
Note: The Ruffy Store will be taking a short break and we will be closed from Fri 6th Feb until Fri 20th Feb

**Saturday 31st  
January  
8:00pm  
Sunday 1st  
February  
4:00pm**

**THE EUROA CINEMA "Folies Begere"** 114 mins (M) 3.5 stars Comedy – French with subtitles  
A couple, Brigitte and Xavier, are cattle farmers living and working together in Normandy. However, life has become a bit routine with two children and the usual humdrum of domestic life!  
Brigitte is invited to a party at the next farm, by a group of Parisians, where she meets a rather attractive young man.....who sets about to woo her  
subsequently, she invents a story to go to Paris to meet him again where things don't necessarily go to plan and this is where the fun starts

**Sunday 1st  
February  
9:00am**

**RUFFY ADULT RIDERS CLUB 37th Ruffy (Royal) Gymkhana** at Ruffy Recreation Reserve  
Official HRCVAV Ring - Hack/Pony Rings - Topsy Ring & Show Jumping - Fun Ring & Freshman Jumping  
\$5 Entry for HRCVAV Members \$30 Non Members Breakfast & BBQ Lunch Available  
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**Monday 2nd  
February  
7:30am-9am  
4:30pm—6pm**

**WORLD WETLANDS DAY 'Y' Water Discovery Centre** 2 Hood Street Yea  
Guided walk with the birds from 7am including coffee & light breakfast  
From 4:30pm refreshments and announcement of winners of the UGLN Photography competition  
Events are free but bookings essential **Contact 0438 338050 or [wetlands.yea@gmail.com](mailto:wetlands.yea@gmail.com)**



**Saturday 7th  
February  
9am—2pm**

**YEA COUNTRY MARKET** Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea  
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**Saturday 7th  
February  
11am-3pm**

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**Friday 13th  
February  
6:30pm**

**'DRINKS ON THE DECK'** at Highlands Community Hall  
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**Saturday 21st  
February  
10am – 4pm**

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Can the unbridled enthusiasm of the flannelled fools compensate for the ravages of old father time?  
Teams are being assembled **Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259 or Doug Maclean 5790 4387**



*Cricket*