



BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

Last weekend while on a 4 day trip to the Mitchell River in the high country, we witnessed the fabulous sight of a Lace Monitor (*Varanus varius*) up close in its natural environment.

Felicity spotted it first before it took to its burrow, but a silent 40 minute wait paid off when it re-emerged and we were able to observe and take these photos.



The Lace Monitor is a large species of goanna found throughout Gippsland but is becoming increasingly rare in the western part of the region.



In central and eastern Gippsland, including the high country, Lace Monitors are still quite common in forest and woodland.

Individuals can have a large home range of up to 1-2 km² in summer but will remain almost dormant in winter.

They will often climb trees to raid nests of birds and mammals and will often use large hollows to shelter in.

They are one of the biggest goannas in Australia and males can grow to a length of over two metres. Their name comes from the network of stripes on the body and neck.

By Don Cook & the Wild SE Nature Blog

PEOPLE AND PLACES

FIJI DEVASTATED Yea/Highlands Locals try to make a difference

Grant Oppy from Yea & Larry Taylor from Highlands report that Cyclone Winston is the worst cyclone ever to hit the Fijian Islands. People have lost everything : houses, food crops, schools, health centres and infrastructure have all been destroyed by 300kmh winds.



Through the already generous donations received, Larry & Grant have organised a container with tools, clothing and food to be shipped direct to the most needy on the island of Taveuni.



They also need shovels and picks within the next two weeks to add to this first container.

They're arranging a 2nd container and would appreciate any food – tinned, or dried, soups, beans, pasta sauces, etc. or money which can be used to purchase vitally needed supplies; tents, picks, shovels etc

Goods can be left at **Country Woman** or **Elders** in Yea or
Contact Larry Taylor
0411 873 982



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Catchment Collaborative

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

Thanks from RuffArtZ

What a great start to the RuffArtZ "A Season of Saturdays", with over 100 people from near & not so near in the audience!

Thanks to everyone for giving the very talented four 'lassies' of 'Co-Cheol' such a warm welcome on Saturday March 5th. They certainly gave a generous and professional performance—beautiful singing, a great programme and engaging stage personalities.

Yes, it was a rather warm evening, too.

All windows and doors at Ruffy Hall wide open to capture the breeze, and cold water the drink of choice for many – at least early on.

If you missed out this time, our next show for the season is 'Melbourne Guitar Quartet' on May 28th.

For more info please check out ruffycommunity.com.au

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

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You are invited to the viewing of two series of paintings
'Cambodia' and 'Song of the Earth'

by Dennis Spiteri

Hillcrest Gallery 33 Old Highlands Road, Highlands
Exhibition runs from Saturday 2nd April to Saturday 30th April
10am – 4pm daily for the duration of the exhibition

Contact 5796 9373 dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au

HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB NEWS



The next get-together of the Highlands Spinning Club will be Monday 4th April at 11 am. Lots of 'yarn spinning' and good friendly company.

450 Caveat- Dropmore Rd.
Caveat. Cheers, Jan.

5790 4361

SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

A syzygy (siz-i-jee)

is the alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line, commonly the Earth, the Sun and the Moon.

It's also the only English word containing three 'Y's'.



Have a go at this year's RUFFY FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

- # Top three tipsters share the winnings
- # Select all 9 winners per round and win (or share) the weekly jackpot
- # Weekly updates by email
- # Send selections by email or text
- # End of year Pie Night and Presentations
- # \$50 for 23 weeks of competition
- # Starts Thursday March 24th

Any questions – Ask Doug at the Store or Call 0427 904 387
doug.ruffy@gmail.com

*I'm happy to hold any side wagers
eg: I'm looking for a St Kilda supporter who believes they will finish higher than Melbourne !*

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MARCH 2016



CFA ROSTERS
w/c
27th March

- ◇ RUFFY ————— 3rd Lieutenant Ryan Furlanetto's Team
- ◇ TERIP TERIP ————— Captain Geoff Penny's Team
- ◇ HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT ————— Fire Season Roster Completed
- ◇ WHITEHEAD'S CREEK /TARCOMBE — Driver: Alan Coulson - Asstnt: Lee Hughes

TODAY !!

Sunday 20th
March
From 2:00 pm

JUSTICE for REFUGEES WALK from Victoria State Library
The Walk begins at the State Library and then moves down Swanston St. to the Queen Victoria Gardens (Opp National Gallery). Meet at the State Library at 2pm. Anyone interested in joining a group to participate contact Judy or Stuart 5796 9358

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 25th
March
Middy

RUFFY CFA - GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH at the Ruffy Fire Shed
The annual community seafood lunch is on again. This is a terrific chance for the community to come together to support the Royal Children's Hospital appeal and to catch up with the latest developments in the Ruffy Brigade's capabilities



Saturday 26th
March
8:00 pm
Sunday 27th
4:00 pm

THE EUROA CINEMA "The Danish Girl" 120mins (M) Bio/Drama 3.5 stars
A beautiful, moving and humane biopic, based on a true and touching story about a Danish landscape painter who was one of the first to undergo sex reassignment surgery in 1930. Eddie Redmayne is remarkable as Einar Wegener, later to become Lili Elbe and married to another artist, Gerda, who supports him through the transition. One morning Gerda asks Einar to fill in for her portrait of a dancer. Einar proceeds to don tights and ballet slippers which awakens a set of feelings that will total change their lives forever. Redmayne plays both Einar and Lili. Alicia Vikander— Oscars Winner-Best Supporting actress

Thursday 31st
March
1:30pm—3 pm

STRATHBOGIE HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMUNITY PROGRAM
At The Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Rd., Ruffy
Portable private consultation room with the community centre open for free tea/ coffee, read the newspaper, flip through a magazine, bring your knitting, catch up with locals or browse the Bric a Brac store.

Thursday 31st
March
5:30 pm

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS *Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat*
Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.
BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks



Saturday 2nd
April
9am-2 pm

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

Monday 4th
April
11:00 am

HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB at 450 Dropmore-Caveat Rd., Caveat
Lots of 'yarn spinning' and good friendly company.
Contact Jan 5790 4361



Monday 4th
April
7:30 pm

RUFFY RECREATION RESERVE MEETING Rec Reserve, Noye Lane, Ruffy
General meeting to discuss fundraising ideas for continuation of the Rec Reserve kitchen up grade. Enquires to Kerry Hewlett 0409 438678 Pam Sprunt 57904240

Friday 8th
April
6:30 pm

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

