



PEOPLE AND PLACES

ERWIN & JIM GET RUFFIANS RUMINATING

When the Shire of Strathbogie restructured their Community Action Groups, Ruffy's CAG Chairman Erwin Weinmann made it his mission to ensure that any re-set of the Community Action Group structure would be both embraced by and beneficial for the Ruffy community.

In pursuit of his mission, Erwin promoted and delivered a community meeting that gave all residents a chance to express their views and to prioritise the issues they believed would most benefit the community in the long term. Thirty people turned out to participate in the community forum held at the Ruffy Community Hall on Friday August 4th.

Terip Terip's Jim Davidson, a respected independent facilitator, led an evening of vibrant discussion that considered two broad components —

- !/ What are the attractive elements of living in Ruffy
- 2/ What are the things that could be improved, and who should be responsible for driving those improvements.



Residents turned out in force to discuss the future of the Ruffy Community Planning Reference Group

After two hours of robust but respectful discourse, the results were in.

Good Things about living in Ruffy:

- People** – community spirit, friendly, inclusive, supportive & accepting
- Geographic Location** — accessibility, safety and security
- Quaint & Unique**—peaceful, remote, quiet, separateness of tableland
- Climate** – distinct seasons, summer breezes due to elevation
- Environment** – clean air, waterways, landscape, native vegetation & fauna
- Community assets:**

- * Tablelands Community Centre (TCC) * Ruffy Recreation Reserve
- * Ruffy Hall * CFA * Ruffy Store – social hub for locals and weekenders

Top Five things that could be improved:

- * Support for people to stay in the district
- labour exchange, barter, community transport
- * Informal, non-commercial community hub – more social interaction
- * Improved & regular maintenance of roads and roadside trees
- * Mobile phone coverage
- * Continued care/preservation of landscape & active conservation

Mt Wombat Ward Councillor Alistair Thomson closed the meeting with an outline of the Community Planning Reference Groups' structure, and there'll be another meeting held shortly to constitute the Ruffy Reference Group.

Report by Don Cook



Hughes Creek
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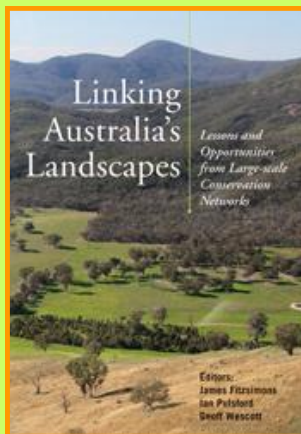


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LINKING AUSTRALIA'S LANDSCAPES

Saturday September 9th
Old Flour Mill Gallery,
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Drawing from his book
Linking Australia's Landscapes,

Dr James Fitzsimons will explore some of the key lessons from a variety of established and new connectivity conservation initiatives from around Australia.

The presentation will also outline the dramatic growth of privately protected areas in Australia through conservation covenants and land trusts.

Following the presentation, there'll be a field trip to James's property in Longwood to observe his ecological restoration work.

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Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017



TOMORROW!



<p>Monday 21st August 7:30pm</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB at the Terip Recreation Reserve ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and All Welcome. Further Info Contact Cindy 5790 4226</p>
<p>Sunday 27th August 9am—1pm</p>	<p>NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie- Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. Further details Contact nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au</p>
<p>Sunday 27th August 10:30am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meet at Highlands Hall We will join Andrew for a walk starting on Old Highlands Road and ending up at the Highlands Community Hall. Bring a carry lunch and water and meet at the hall ready to leave at 10.30am. For more information contact Louise Currie 9437 1504</p>
<p>Sunday 27th August 11am—2pm</p>	<p>INTRODUCTORY FORUM FOR NEW & PART-TIME LANDHOLDERS at the Whiteheads Creek Hall, Kobyboyn Rd Whiteheads Creek This forum is a great way to learn more about the local area. Topics covered will include property management, environmental restoration, natural history and geology, pest plant and animal control, erosion and soil health as well as funding opportunities. Free morning tea and lunch provided. Registration is essential : strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com For further information Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</p>
<p>Sunday 27th August 4:00pm</p>	<p>SALON CONCERTS AT BROADFORD A small private concert venue near Broadford for the enjoyment of fine music Peter Hagen plays harpsichord "From Sweelinck To Bach" Keyboard music linked from the undeservedly little known Sweelinck to J. S. Bach 100 years later, through the so called northern Germanic School. Tickets Adult \$39 Small plate of food \$10.00 Bookings Essential - Limited Seating https://www.trybooking.com/OXSI Enquiries 5784 3884 peter@peterhagen.com.au</p>
<p>Monday 28th August 8:00pm</p>	<p>RUFFY RECREATION RESERVE at the Ruffy Rec Reserve—Noye Lane Notice of meeting—All Welcome For further information Contact Pam 5790 4240</p>
<p>Thursday 31st August 5:30pm</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Friday 8th September 6:30pm</p>	<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 5796 9247</p>
<p>Saturday 9th September 10am</p>	<p>LINKING AUSTRALIA'S LANDSCAPES Flour Mill Gallery, Kirkland Ave, Euroa Please join us for a fascinating day with Dr James Fitzsimons. This free event is presented by the Strathbogie Ranges CMN. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. Registrations are essential To Register Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268 or strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com</p>
<p>RuffArtZ Saturday 9th September 8:00pm Doors 7:30pm</p>	<p>RUFFARTZ SEASON OF SATURDAYS at the Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd I Viaggiatori 1924 silent documentary film Dall'Italia All'Australia (From Italy to Australia) screened with a live music accompaniment provided by 4 piece band including much loved Kavisha Mazzella. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25. Please book early to ensure your seat. Bookings: Kym 0409 172 595 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com</p>