



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

FIRST STUD SALE at YEA SALEYARDS

The Yea Saleyards has held its first stud sale with the dispersal of the Crystal Creek Gelbvieh Stud, which operates out of Alexandra.



Crystal Creek Gelbviehs at Yea Dispersal

Buyers from across the state, NSW and Tasmania attended the sale conducted by Landmark Embling on behalf of the stud.

Mayor John Walsh said the Saleyards Committee would continue to build on such days.

"The committee will now explore what facilities are needed to hold multi-vendor stud sales by partnering with livestock agents and breed societies. "This was an important step in the business plan for the facility and another tool to develop the local beef industry," Cr Walsh said.

Angling for Photos of Native Fish



Macquarie Perch

Kirsten Roszak from the CMA waterways team in Yea is looking for photos taken along the Yea River of native fish (i.e. Macquarie Perch, Cod, Yellow Belly etc). She is particularly interested in historical photos but would be just as excited to see photos taken more recently.

The photos will be used in development of fish information signs along the Yea River to inform visitors and fishermen about the presence of a population of the endangered Macquarie Perch.

You can email Kirsten kirsten@gbcma.vic.gov.au

or call on **5736 0100**
By Judy Watts

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week *Daniel*



*For working hard, being focussed and adjusting to the senior room.
Well done!*



By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS

WOOLSHED DANCE WORKING BEE @HABBIES HOWE



Rafters to brush, floors to sweep, lights to hang and it'll all be neat for the Woolshed Dance on June 1st.

We need your help to get the Habbies Woolshed in shape for our 2nd Highlands Primary School Fundraiser.

Saturday May 25th at 10:00am.

See You There!

BYO Buckets, Mops, Brooms & Stuff

Contact Meagan 5796 9208



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

LOCAL 'PANTHER' SIGHTING

Have you ever had one of those "I see it, but I don't believe it" moments?

Mavis and I were leaving Roger Morgan's place on Maggie's Lane, Ruffy at 3:30pm Friday 3rd May after selecting our first draft of Damara sheep.

As I slowed down to open the gate closest to Roger's house I saw out of the corner of my eye what I assumed was a fox about to cross our path in the adjacent paddock. A second look confirmed that although it was at least the same size as a fox; this was no fox!

This was a very large solid black feline. We know this because it walked like a feline, it's tail hung down close to the ground and turned up at the end exactly the way a big cat carries itself when walking or stalking.

We also know that it was a big cat because we saw the bloody thing for about 30 seconds from a distance of only 30 metres in broad daylight!

After it disappeared into the scrub I turned the car around and went back to Roger's door. I asked him "Do you own a huge black cat?"

His immediate response was "You've seen the panther!"

By Don & Mavis

Footnote: I've been de-toxing these past few weeks and have not had a beer in that time. Perhaps de-toxing has side effects!

FOX ON THE RUN HUNTING COMPETITION



The Hughes Creek Catchment Landcare group is once again running the "Fox on the Run" hunt competition over the month of June. Register yourself or your team by the end of May 2013 to participate. Proof of kill is required and details of exactly what is needed will be given in the week prior to the competition start. There is a grand prize of \$500 for the winning team/individual so get involved!!

Conditions do apply so contact Simone at hughes.creek1@gmail.com
5790 4146

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2013

Monday 13th May 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Kerry 5790 4392
Friday 17th May 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) 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 Contact Henry 5790 4246
Saturday 18th May 9am-1:00pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au
Monday 20th May 8:00pm	RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329
Tuesday 21st May 7:30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP MEETING Tablelands Community Centre@Ruffy Nolans Road Everyone welcome. For previous minutes visit http://www.ruffycommunity.com.au/about-ruffy/rcag
Saturday 25th May 10:00am	WOOLSHED DANCE WORKING BEE Meet at Habbies Howe, Dropmore Rd, Highlands There's plenty to do to get the Habbies Woolshed in shape for the HPS Fundraiser dance. BYO cleaning & maintenance gear. Contact Meagan 5796 9208
Sunday 26th May 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip The service will be conducted by our new minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. . For any information ring Jennifer Penny on 5790 4233.
Sunday 26th May 9:30am or 10:00am	GRACEBURN FARM WALK Graceburn Farm, 225 Burns Road, Glenburn 9:30am for Egg & Bacon or 10:00am for Farm Tour RSVP: Judy Brookes 5797 2563 or juncball@bigpond.com (to book for bacon and eggs) by 24th May Further info from Tom or Sally 5797 8283
Sunday 26th May 10:30am	HIGHLAND RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall 10.30 am. This month's walk will be along Granite Hills. Contact Geoff Lade. 9739 4324
Sunday 26th May 11:00am	HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADES END OF SEASON GET-TOGETHER Highlands Fire Shed Anyone involved in the fires around the area over the summer is invited to come along and have a snag, a drink and swap your yarns and experiences. Contact Les Lawson 5796 9265 or Alistair Lade 5796 9276
Sunday 26th May 4:30pm	PETER HAGEN'S CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH FOOD & WINE Three Chain Rd., Broadford The third of Peter's series of classical concerts of refined music played on the harpsichord. Tickets are \$38. Small platters of gluten free delicacies from Café D'inglish in Kilmore can be booked for \$8.00. Tea, coffee and wine are free. Bookings Essential at http://www.trybooking.com/BXEU or 5784 3884
Thursday 30th May 5:30pm	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 1st June 6:30pm	HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL— WOOLSHED DANCE Habbies Howe Dropmore Rd., Highlands Back by Popular Demand, this terrific fundraiser for Highlands Primary School \$20 Adult—\$10 Child—\$50 Family Bookings Essential Contact Meagan Callander 5796 9208
Sunday 2nd June 10am-12pm	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Monthly ramble to High Points of Interest around the district We're on a Mission to walk to all of the district's Piniger cairns. Meet at Ruffy Community Hall at 9:45am Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875
Thursday 6th June 10:30am-12:30	RUFFY PLAYGROU Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Rd., Ruffy This Month it's Cut 7 Paste/Colouring Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally 5790 4335
Friday 14th June 6.30pm	LANDCARE COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER Murchison Community Centre Free dinner and buses from Longwood & Euroa. All Landcare and Conservation Management Network members are encouraged to attend. Book your seat by contacting Janet Hagen 5790 4268

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH FOOD & WINE

Does the idea of listening in front of a fire to refined music played on the harpsichord appeal to you?

You may have the chance with Peter Hagen who will perform French harpsichord pieces from the 17th century in the third of his series of classical music concerts at his mud brick home just out of Broadford. You can enjoy the intimate experience of this most exquisite music close up, as the audience sits in a semi-circle with only two rows of seating.

Mr. Hagen's Swiss built harpsichord's fine tone makes it a joyful experience to listen to as well as to look at and Peter believes it is one of the best instruments if not *the* best of its type in Australia".

Composers such as Louis Couperin, Chambonnieres, Dumont, Geoffroy and Froberger feature in this programme of rich sounding and exquisitely elegant miniatures. Influenced in part by the lute pieces of the time, French keyboard music really began with the music in this

programme thus influencing French keyboard music for over 200 years. The popular concerts now in their second year have been booked out so do book early and as they are held at a private home with limited seating, bookings are essential.

The concert is presented by "Broadford Salon" in conjunction with the "Broadford Community Centre" and is sponsored by Tahbilk Winery.



Peter Hagen & Jane Downer



Peter Hagen's Broadford Salon

For more information, go to www.peterhagen.com.au or you can book on line at <http://www.trybooking.com/BXEU>

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ACTING? THEN THE MADHATTERS WANT YOU!

We are looking for 3-4 adults, a mix of male and female, to join our regular players in the 2013 production, 'Golden Dreams', a light-hearted romp through Victoria's early history, featuring: squatters, bushrangers, duelling and gold. No previous acting experience required – just a sense of fun and a willingness to speak in public.

The Madhatters (Highlands Amateur Theatre Society) is a drama group founded in 2005 and made up of local people. Since that time, we have presented original plays on a range of topics. All our plays have an emphasis on humour and fun.

For further information

Contact Susan Bennett

5790 4333

or antcliffschase@activ8.net.au



End of Fire Season Sausage Sizzle & Get Together

Highlands / Caveat Fire Brigade invite anyone involved in the fires around the area over the summer to come along and have a snag, a drink and swap your yarns and experiences



Please spread the word

11am on Sunday 26th May at Highlands Fire Shed

RSVP to Les Lawson 5796 9265 or Alistair Lade 5796 9276

FOX ON THE RUN BAITING PROGRAMME

The Hughes Creek Catchment Landcare group are seeking landholders who are interested in a subsidised fox baiting program. The subsidy would cover up to 50% of contractor costs subject to the number of landholders who participate as the funding is limited. This is a one off opportunity, so get in fast to get your name on the list.

Expressions of interest are required by end of May 2013.

Contact Simone 5790 4146

hughes.creek1@gmail.com

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

THE SALE OF THE CENTURY was probably in 1867 when the U.S. bought the whole of Alaska from Russia for only \$7.2 million - even then it only passed the U.S. Senate by 1 vote. In 1946, the U.S. tried, but failed, to secure another bargain by making an offer to Denmark of \$100 million to buy Greenland
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DONATIONS WANTED

Highlands Primary School's ever popular **Woolshed Dance** is on again on June 1st at Habbies Howe. We are hoping to hold a silent auction & a raffle on the night to help raise extra funds for our school. We are looking for donations of prizes or vouchers that we can use for the raffle & silent auction. If there are any community members who would like to donate items or who might have connections with businesses that may be able to help us with prizes please feel free to drop them into school or contact Sharyn Shaw to pick up; that would be greatly appreciated by our students.

Also if anyone would like to help out on the night please give the school a call as many hands make light work.

Please write this date in your diary & remember to pre book tickets as they will sell quickly.

If you have any questions contact the school on **5796 9208** or call **Sharyn Shaw 0437 281 072**



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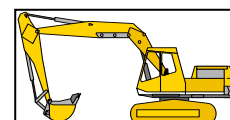
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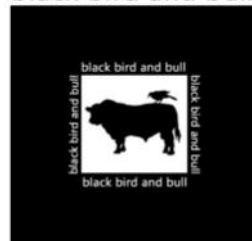
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