



## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### WILDLIFE NEST BOX PROJECT

We ran an article in TGN Issue 2 2013 about the work of Chris Cobern and his nest box project in the fire recovery areas.

Chris has submitted an update via Judy Brookes.

"Photos attached of a Brush-tailed Phascogale and Sugar Gliders at one of our nest boxes we installed on a farm in Flowerdale.



When I inspected the boxes with the inspection camera recently I thought the nest looked like a phascogale by the nesting material and scats inside the box. So I set up one of our remote cameras on a nearby tree.

These boxes were built by students from Greensborough Secondary College and only installed in November last year. Of the 9 boxes we installed there, 7 had gliders or nests present.



We've had great results from our nest box project. Of the almost 400 nest boxes installed about 2/3rds have been used already.

Fauna has included Brush-tailed Phascogales, Sugar Gliders, Agile Antechinus, Ringtail Possums, Brush-tailed Possums, Eastern Rosella, White-throated Treecreeper and Owlet Nightjar.

Pest species have only included 2 x bee hives and 1 x Indian Myna nest."

Chris Cobern, Landcare Coordinator  
Upper Goulburn Landcare Network

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week *James*



**For his enthusiasm and  
commitment towards  
Boite Choir!  
Well done!**

**Highlands Walk:** Thank you to Andrew Shaw for organising another Highlands Walk for us. Andrew's knowledge of the local area is amazing and we are grateful he can share it with us. We had a great time on our walk on Wednesday and it was great to see students enjoying the local environment. A huge thank you to the parents who came along and assisted with transport.

**Football Clinic:** Students in Years 4-6 will be given the opportunity to attend a football clinic conducted by Richmond Football Club on Wednesday 5th June. Interested students received a note today.

**Boite:** Thank you to Emily & James for attending last Saturday's Boite rehearsal. The next rehearsal is on Saturday 27th July at Yea PS from 10-12 and is compulsory if students wish to participate in this year's Boite concert.

By Meagan Callander-Principal HPS

### RABBIT RIPPING SUBSIDY AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE HCCC LANDCARE GROUP



The DPI has recently completed a Rabbit Control Survey within the district and many Landholders have been issued with a Directions Notice. A 50% subsidy may be available to you for warren ripping.

Contact Simone 5790 4146  
[hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)



Hughes Creek  
Catchment Collaborative

## READERS' WRITES

\* "Cat photo please. Love a good panther/cougar story. It's become bush folklore through my life all round the state. Cheers"— **Greg Philpot, Yea**

\* "Thanks for putting the details about my exhibition in the Granite News.

Leone Gabrielle and I went to the opening of the Tallarook Art Show last night (May 18th) and Leone won "Best in Show" for one of her paintings"  
—**Darren Gilbert, Highlands**

\* "I would very much like a photo of the panther recently sighted as for many years this has been of great interest to me. I have a friend in Balnarring who is an active member of a group that records unusual animal sightings"—**Jill Inglis, Euroa**

\* "Hi, I was wondering if I could get a photo of Roger's big cat"—**Tom McCooley, Cobram**

\* "Ye thee be a creature so foul, so cruel that no man has yet fought with it and lived. So if you do dare, come no further as death awaits all with big sharp pointy teeth. Got me all worked up you did. Cheers"—**Greg Philpot, Yea**

Editor's Note:

Panther sightings affect some people more than others.

## 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](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)  
**5790 4146**

# COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2013

<p><b>Now until Sunday 16th June</b> 11am—4:30pm</p>	<p><b>DARREN GILBERT’S “WILD4ART” EXHIBITION</b> The Light Factory Gallery 21 Brougham St., Eltham</p> <p>Another stunning exhibition of wildlife art by local artist Darren Gilbert</p> <p>Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday. <b>Contact 9439 1206</b> or <a href="http://www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au">www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 29th May</b> 1:00pm</p>	<p><b>GOULBURN MURRAY WATER—Groundwater Community Meeting</b></p> <p>The Flour Mill, 17 Kirkland Ave, Euroa</p> <p>This is an opportunity for Groundwater Licence Holders to see the draft Strathbogie Groundwater Management Plan and to provide feedback .</p>
<p><b>Thursday 30th May</b> 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>SECRET MEN’S BUSINESS</b> Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat</p> <p>Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.</p> <p>BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks</p>
<p><b>Friday 31st May</b> 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>TABLELANDS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT</b> Tablelands Community Centre@Ruffy Nolans Road</p> <p>Family Fun &amp; Prizes—20 Rounds—\$1 per Playing Card Every Round Wins a Prize—Final Round Prize \$50</p> <p>Everyone is Welcome Free Supper Provided <b>Contact Sally 5790 4335 or 0407 904335</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 31st May</b> 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>HCCC LANDCARE MEETING</b> Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd Ruffy</p> <p>Monthly Landcare meeting All landholders and any Interested people are welcome to attend and to contribute</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 31st May 5:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 1st 8:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 2nd June 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA</b> “Warm Bodies” 97 mins (M) Comedy/Horror/Romance **** 4 stars</p> <p>A funny new twist on a classic love story, this is a poignant tale about the power of human connection.</p> <p>After a zombie epidemic, R (a highly unusual zombie) encounters Julie (a human survivor), and rescues her from a zombie attack.</p> <p><i>On Friday we will have a special screening for Youth Services .</i></p> <p><i>Young people from all over the Shire have a chance to come to this special event.</i></p> <p><i>Doors will open at 5.30pm and the movie will start at around 6.30pm.</i></p> <p><i>Buses will bring people in from other towns and there will be pizza etc for all to enjoy... posters will be spread far and wide with all the details – or call the Strathbogie Shire office on 5795 0000 for information!</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 1st June</b> 9am-2pm</p>	<p><b>YEA COUNTRY MARKET</b> Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea</p> <p>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>
<p><b>Saturday 1st June</b> 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL— WOOLSHED DANCE</b> Habbies Howe Dropmore Rd., Highlands</p> <p>Back by Popular Demand, this terrific fundraiser for Highlands Primary School</p> <p>\$20 Adult—\$10 Child—\$50 Family Bookings Essential <b>Contact Meagan Callander 5796 9208</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 2nd June</b> 10am-12pm</p>	<p><b>RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS</b> Monthly ramble to High Points of Interest around the district</p> <p>We’re on a Mission to walk to all of the district’s Piniger cairns. Meet at Ruffy Community Hall at 9:45am</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 6th June</b> 10:30am-12:30</p>	<p><b>RUFFY PLAYGROUP</b> Tablelands Community Centre@Ruffy Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>This Month it’s Cut &amp; Paste/Colouring</p> <p>Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. <b>Contact Sally 5790 4335</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June</b></p>	<p><b>MAFEKING PARK MUDBASH</b> Mafeking Rover Park, Caveat Dropmore Rd, Caveat</p> <p>The Rover Scouts’ annual Mudbash, with an “Open Day “ Sunday 9th June being an excellent opportunity for people to come and see what Rovers is about. <b>Contact Louise Pocock 0433 151326</b></p> <p>The Mudbash is run under Confederation of Australian Motorsport regulations.</p>
<p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>LANDCARE COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER</b> Murchison Community Centre</p> <p>Free dinner and buses from Longwood &amp; Euroa. All Landcare and Conservation Management Network members are encouraged to attend. To book your seat <b>Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>‘DRINKS ON THE DECK’</b> at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new.</p> <p>All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. <b>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 15th June</b> 9am-1pm</p>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</p> <p><i>“Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop”</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from “local” producers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886</b> or <a href="mailto:hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au">hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday 15th June</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER</b> Terip Terip Recreation Reserve</p> <p>All are invited to celebrate a Midwinter’s Christmas with the Terip Terip community.</p> <p>Adults \$25—Children Free</p> <p>Please come dressed in your best Christmas Outfit</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Contact Kate Wright 5790 4148</b></p>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## LOCAL GOINGS ON



### MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

All are invited to celebrate a Midwinter's Christmas with the Terip Terip community on Saturday June 15th

Please come dressed in your best Christmas Outfit.... Prizes for the best dressed!

Prizes also for the "celebrity-judged" Great Terip Plum Pudding Competition

RSVP is essential to Kate Wright 5790 4148 by June 1st (let Kate know if you are entering a pudding as well...)



Is this Jim Davidson?

### STRATHBOGIE GROUNDWATER REGULATIONS

**An opportunity has been created for Groundwater Licence Holders to comment on the new regulations**

Goulburn Murray Water has developed a draft Management Plan for the Strathbogie Groundwater Area. A community meeting to describe the key elements of the plan and answer any questions is planned.

#### Points of interest

- \* Cap on licence entitlement – Hughes Creek 327 MegaLitres per year
- \* Metering and monitoring of bores
- \* Transfers of groundwater entitlements.

**Your feedback is important.**

**Where:** The Flour Mill Gallery, 17 Kirkland Avenue, Euroa.

**When :** 1pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

For a copy of the draft ground water management plan

visit [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au) or contact Landcare before June 7<sup>th</sup> 2013



### ROVER SCOUTS' MUDBASH

Victoria's Rover Scouts are getting ready to rev their engines at their annual car racing event, Mudbash, at Mafeking Rover Park at Caveat on the Queen's Birthday long weekend.



The 41-year-old event sees Rover Scouts, aged 18-26, compete across a series of tracks and obstacles to determine who will be named Mudbash Champion.

The highlight of the event, the obstacle course, sees crews take their cars against a series of large mud-filled holes to the cheers of spectators. What began as a small gathering of five Rover crews and their cars in Big River in 1972 has grown into the largest annual Rover Scout event in Australia.

#### Who are the Rover Scouts?

Rovers is the oldest section of the Scout movement and is for males and females aged between 18-26 years. Rovers are usually looking to get involved in the outdoors, making friends for life as well as service to the community and Scouting.

Typically Rovers enjoy helping others, having a great time and taking on new challenges.

Many Rovers have been in Scouting before, this is not a pre-requisite, you do not have to have years of experience in Scouting to fit in, know how to tie knots or put up a tent!

You do need to have a "give it a go" attitude and want to be involved with people your own age, be part of the wider community, and have some serious fun along the way.

If you're interested in learning more about "Mudbash" or Rover Scouts **Contact Louise Pocock 0433 151326**



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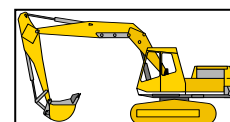
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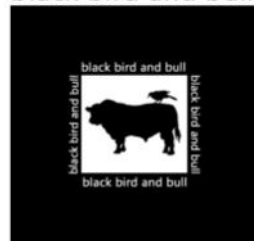
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