



BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

GIVE ME A HOME (or Nest-Box) AMONG the GUM TREES

Friday night 19th July saw one of the oldest Landcare Groups in Australia, Whiteheads Creek, hold their 2013 Annual General Meeting at the Whiteheads Creek Hall, complete with guest speaker and the launch of a new project.

David Wakefield's engaging and informative presentation was about the highly successful Upper Goulburn Landcare Network's 'Focus on Fauna' Project. The project monitored the return of wildlife to the Strath Creek and Flowerdale districts after the Black Saturday fires. The use of motion-sensitive cameras and nest-boxes enabled landholders to see shy, nocturnal animals like Gliding Possums, Brush-tailed Phascogales and other native wildlife.

To see photos of several different species, birds and mammals, using nest-boxes was encouraging and on the back of this, the Whiteheads Creek 'Nest-boxes for Wildlife' project was launched.

A grant of \$10,000 has been obtained from the State Government's Communities for Nature program, to improve the woodland habitat of two key species in the Whiteheads Creek area and encourage landholders and the broader community to join in. Like so many of our native animals, the Squirrel Glider and the Phascogale are totally reliant on tree hollows for their homes. Through community information sessions, revegetation and the installation of nest boxes on roadsides and private land, the project aims to support existing populations of these tree dwelling mammals (and birds) and to gather information about them.

It is hoped to provide free nest-boxes to interested landowners, as well as enhancing the corridors which are essential to the survival of our native animals and birds. There will be information sessions, and talks and it is hoped many will want to become involved.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Bonnie



For trying really hard & working independently. Well done!

Wanted: Scrap hardwood that could be used for shelving in the aquaponics project.

P-2 Camp: Students in P-2 received notes about this camp earlier last week. Please contact me if you have any questions about camp. Feedback from some of the Year 3 students is that this is the 'best' camp.

By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS



Kirsty-Lee McBean, Lesley Dalziel, David Wakefield, Carolyn Braun & Colin Wales

To get involved in helping our wildlife, contact the project coordinator, Kirsty-Lee McBean via email at Kirsty-lee.mcbean@bigpond.com

By Kirsty-Lee McBean



Hughes Creek
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WELCOME to ISSUE 26 2013

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

READERS' WRITES

"Just to prove to you that I read the Granite News, there is a bullet hole in my computer screen where the 'G' in Granite News was. It was an automatic response but I got him!"—Scott McKay

"Thanks for the Granite News which I Love reading. Just had to laugh at your 'stay warm' bit. We are in the south of France in 33c heat and I'm trying to stay cool!!! Cheers"—Rosie Garner

"Just letting you know I have enjoyed the interviews/articles you are producing for TGN. Having just returned from some outback travels with an occasional 'delivery' of TGN where reception was available, it has been a pleasure during these last wintry days to catch up & read about some of the experiences of those residing in the area. In smaller communities it can often be assumed that all know about the various contributions & experiences of residents, but a lot can go 'under the radar' from the wider community (not that this is a request to 'bare it all' by any means!)"—Jill Davidson

HCCC FOX ON THE RUN TROPHY AND PRESENTATION NIGHT



This years competition was a huge success with over 400 tails submitted by teams and individuals. A dinner will be provided and a trophy presentation will be held on Friday the 9th of August at the Ruffy Hall to celebrate.

All are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by Sunday 28th July
Contact Simone at
hughes.creek1@gmail.com
5790 4146.

HiArts Tenth Year Evaluation Wine & Cheese Evening

For Ten Years HiArts has brought to this community an experience rich in artistic diversity.

We think it is time to evaluate the future of HiArts. We would like you to bring your ideas and join us for wine and cheese on Saturday 10th August from 4pm to 6pm in the Highlands Hall.

Please Contact Stuart & Judy Reid 5796 9358



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FINDING 'FOXY'

Issue 25, ask Scott McKay !

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2013

Friday 26th July to Friday 9th August	RUFFY PRODUCE STORE CLOSED for 2 WEEKS Helen, Doug and Freya will be taking a Winter break for two weeks and re-opening on Friday 9th August
Sunday 28th July 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH Terip-Ruffy Ruffy Road, Terip Terip All welcome. For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Thursday 1st August 1030am-1230pm	RUFFY PLAYGROUP Tablelands Community Centre @ Ruffy (Old Ruffy Schoolhouse) This Month it's Father's Day gift making Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally 5790 4335
Saturday 3rd August 9am-2:00pm	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
Friday 2nd 6:00pm Saturday 3rd 8:00pm & Sunday 4th August 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Monsters University" 110 mins (M) Animated / Family Fun *** 3 stars <i>Another one of our all famous Friday family fun nights</i> In this prequel to the 2001 movie "Monsters Inc, we meet Mike and Sully back in the days when they were at college. Mike is the outsider who doesn't quite fit in, isn't very scary but studies to be a monster; and Sully who comes from a monster family, is very casual and just coasts along on his father's reputation! <i>Great family fun and don't forget the doors open at 6pm on Friday night ... bring along dinner, cushions, rugs ... anything. The movie will start at around 6.30pm.</i>
Sunday 4th August 10:00am	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
Tuesday 6th August 7:30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Tablelands Community Centre @ Ruffy (Old Ruffy Schoolhouse) AGM & General Meeting Everybody is Welcome & Supper provided. Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268
Friday 9th August 6:30pm	'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
Friday 9th August 7:30pm	HCCC LANDCARE "FOX on the RUN" Presentation Night Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy Free Dinner for all and Trophy presentations to the successful Fox Hunters Please RSVP to Simone by 28th July Contact 5709 4146 or hughes.creek1@gmail.com
Saturday 10th August 4:00pm-6:00pm	HiARTS WINE & CHEESE NIGHT Highlands Community Hall Highlands We think it is time to evaluate the future of HiArts. We would like you to bring your ideas and join us for wine and cheese. Everybody is Welcome. Contact Stuart & Judy Reid 5796 9358
Saturday 17th August 9am-1:00pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au
Saturday 17th August 4:30pm-9pm	SHUFFLE UP TO THE RUFFY STORE Nolans Road, Ruffy Make up a table for your favourite Card Game-Euchre-500-21-Canasta CASSEROLES & PUDDING will be served. \$25/Head. Book Early. Contact Helen 5790 4387
Saturday 31st August 7:15pm	CHIZIA (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing, Terrific Trivia) @ Ruffy Hall. BYO drinks and nibbles. Memorable Ruffy supper. Meet your neighbours. Adults \$10, pre-teens free on pre-teens table with own activities. Make up a table team and Contact Roger 0437 771 580 to secure your tickets now.

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

MAKING an OLD MAN HAPPY

I can't think of another venue in our district that delivers the sort of 'buzz' that occurs when The Ruffy Store is full. Be it a winter Friday night when an eclectic group of locals & not so locals gather to have dinner, meet with their mates for an ale or two, or just wander in to do their footy tips; Saturday breakfast by the fire or Sunday lunch in the garden in springtime.

The place was certainly buzzing when we had lunch there a few weeks ago, in fact one table of patrons was really letting their hair down. It turned out that this was their first visit and they declared it would not be the last.

One of the party, Kath Morris from over Shepparton way was so taken with the hospitality that she insisted on a photo with host Doug Maclean.

Now, that's how to make an old man happy! —By a Correspondent (Name Supplied)



Kath Morris and "Happy Doug"



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- September 25 School Holiday Program - cooking

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THE TIME IS CLOSE FOR SPRAYING PATTERSONS CURSE

Once again the time has come to think about looking for and spraying infestations of Pattersons curse.



Paton Air will be in our area over the next few months for helicopter spraying, so it's a good idea to contact them early if you are interested.

For further info you can email Simone at hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

HCCC SPRAY UNITS

Tarcombe— Rob Hayes **5790 4319**
Caveat—Michael Kopanica **5790 4235**
Highlands— Scott McKay **5796 9259**
Ruffy— Don Cook **5790 4007**

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or \$100 per Season**

Payment to Janet Hagen
Coordinator--HCCC Landcare

5790 4268

jhagen@harboursat.com.au

Missing Bunny Blaster

We are trying to locate the Landcare Bunny Blaster

If you know where it is could you please contact

Alistair Lade 5796 9276 or
al_lade@bigpond.com

CHIZIA @ RUFFY



The annual Chizia (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing & Terrific Trivia) evening at the Ruffy Hall is on again on Saturday 31st August 2013, 7-15pm for 7-30pm.

Chizia consists of a series of colossal challenges, quirky quizzing and terrific trivia, all in the comfort of the heated Ruffy Hall and it comes with yet another famous Ruffy community supper.

Pre-teens are catered for with their own table and amusements.

All others will be entertained to an incredible extent for just \$10 per head and many will go home with an array of unique prizes and all will leave with memories of a very enjoyable evening.

Proceeds from this activity will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for use by the local community.



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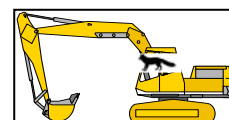
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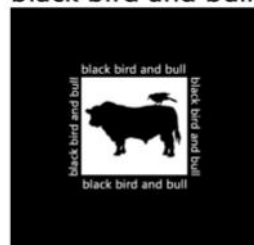
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