



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

TIMELY WARNING from DEPI !

Regional compliance officers from Department of Environment & Primary Industry have been enforcing land-holder obligations to control rabbit and blackberry infestations on private land across the Hughes Creek Catchment for the past 5 years. Most of our readers will have experienced the detailed site inspection followed by a rather abrupt officially worded letter. Many will remember the tenacious work of Heather Tingay "the blackberry lady", who could spot a blackberry bush from 500 metres!

Each year the DEPI team meets with our Landcare network committee to map out next season's target areas. Landcare backs up this programme by offering assistance to farmers "under order" through subsidised warren ripping and chemical rebates.



Greg Woods, Jaye Caldwell, Michael Kopanica, Rob Hayes

The decision was easy this year. There is only one part of the catchment that hasn't been inspected for rabbits. This is the section heading west from Buntings Hill Rd, across the Weibye Track towards Red Gate Lane and stopping at the Ponkeen Creek Rd. Bounded in the south by the Tarcombe -Ruffy Rd and stopping in the north around Ardroy Corner.

The Blackberry Compliance Program will return to its original starting point around Highlands.

The department tries to cover approx 100 new properties per year as well as following up on uncompleted work from previous years. Smart farmers will order their ripping hours now to avoid missing out.

Contact Simone 5790 4146



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Ezekiel



For being a terrific camper at Camp Adanac. Well done!

P-2 Camp: We had a terrific time at Camp Adanac this week. It certainly lived up to the reputation of 'the best camp'. Highlands students were well behaved and loved the opportunity to mix with students from Yea PS.

VORRA: The Victorian Off Road Racing Assoc have again asked us to cater for their weekend on Sat 21 & Sun22 Sept at Mafeking Park. This is always a fun time and a good opportunity to raise some valuable funds for our school. Each year students receive a FREE swimming program and subsidised camps because of the funds we raise at such events. This year we will be providing dinner on Saturday and food for brekky and lunch on Sunday. It would be great if all families could contribute in some way because ALL students benefit from funds raised. Please mark the date in your diary.

By Meagan Callander-Principal, HPS

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. The HCCC is once again offering a subsidy on chemical and helicopter fees, limits apply.

Please contact Simone as soon as possible to get on the list.
hughes.creek1@gmail.com.



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READERS' WRITES

"Thanks TGN.. Having moved back to NZ (the "Shaky Isles") 20 months ago, it's nice to stay in touch with the terra firma of Ruffy & District. Just spent the last half hour enjoying reading through my backlist of emailed issues of TGN. Keep up the great work, and I'll keep reading it."—Rob Wills, Featherstone

"Just caught up with my reading! I liked your article about the rooster tree. It's an icon for all Broadford residents, and kids on excursions coming back realise that they're nearly home when they see the tree"—Peter Hagen, Broadford

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

PARTICIPANTS INVITED

for MINI WORKING- BEE at GOBUR

Are you tired of being confined to the house, need some fresh air and exercise or want to do something good for the environment ? Why not join our small team for this once only activity.

Trust for Nature and Landcare are holding a short working bee at the Burge Family Reserve on Gobur - Kanumbra Rd opposite the "Brilliant" Property about 3 kms before the hwy.



Trust for Nature Volunteers
Justus Hagen & Bronwyn Starkey

Wednesday 28th August 2013
Starting 10am finishing at 12 noon .
Lunch supplied.

Activities include tidying up last year's planting and replacing trees that did not make it through the hot spring and dry summer. Quick wildflower walk and a bit of nature trail maintenance.

**Contact Shelagh 0407 521154
or Janet 0458 904268**

COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR AUG/SEPTEMBER 2013

Wednesday 28th August 10am-12pm	TRUST for NATURE—MINI WORKING BEE at GOBUR Gobur-Kanumbra Road Activities include tidying up last year’s planting and replacing trees that did not make it through the hot spring and dry summer. Quick wildflower walk and a bit of nature trail maintenance. Contact Shelagh 0407 521154 or Janet 0458 904268
Friday 30th August 9am-11am	HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Morning Tea, Coffee, Cake, Chat & Catch Up. Community and school members bring a nibble or not, come talk eat share. At Highlands Primary School Any queries call Leone 5796 9290
Friday 30th August 6:00pm	ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or Email contact@rockypasses.com.au
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 secure your tickets Contact Roger 0437 771 580
Saturday 31st August 8:00pm & Sunday 1st Sept 4:00pm	EUROA “Man of Steel” The new superman movie! 143 Mins (M) Action/ Drama ***3.5 stars Another in this movie franchise—and everyone knows who Superman is—well we do, but those involved in the story are not supposed to! Not sure that Superman has been the same since we lost the fabulous Christopher Reeve. However, this has a great cast in Russell Crowe, Henry Cavill and Amy Adams who will no doubt ensure we are all well entertained by the action packed drama that unfolds when Superman encounters some bitter enemies of his late father.
Sunday 1st September 9:45am	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 Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875
Sunday 1st September 2pm-3pm	YEA WOMBAT HEALTH INFORMATION DAY Yea Primary School FREE expert presentation by Jenny Mattingley, and FREE mange treatment kits available on the day Contact Rick 0411 112639
Wednesday 4th September 10am-4pm Until 30th September	GALLERY 34 “FERTILE GROUND” EXHIBITION At Gallery 34, High St., Yea Ceramics by Margaret Anne Milburn & Digital Photography & Mixed media by Jill Maclean Contact Jo Miller 5797 3222
SEPTEMBER	RUFFY PLAYGROUP Will Not be Happening in September We’ll Resume Playgroup in October....We hope to see you and your children then. Sally 5790 4335
Saturday 7th September 9am-2pm	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
Sunday 8th September 11:15am	St. DAVID’S UNITING CHURCH Terip-Ruffy Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information please Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Friday 13th September 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
Saturday 28th September 6:00pm	RUFFY PROGRESSIVE DINNER Tablelands Community Centre(Old School)/Rec Reserve/Ruffy Hall This will be a Good Old-Fashioned Community progressive Dinner. Everybody is invited to come along in your Footy Colours and to be entertained by local artist Jim Davidson Tickets are \$25 per head All proceeds to Ruffy Rec Reserve Contact Pam Sprunt 5790 4240

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON



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.

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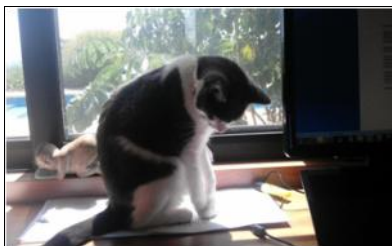
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Please Contact

Pam Bannister 0411 217476

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

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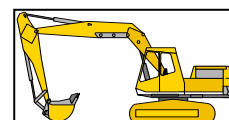
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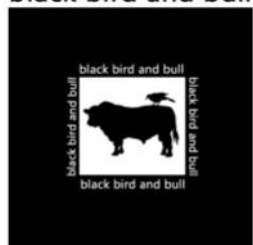
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