



## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### MANGY WOMBATS NEED HELP

I've sometimes seen mangy wombats in paddocks during the day and it's a sad sight, so I was very interested to attend the recent wombat mange information session at Yea that was advertised in *The Granite News*.

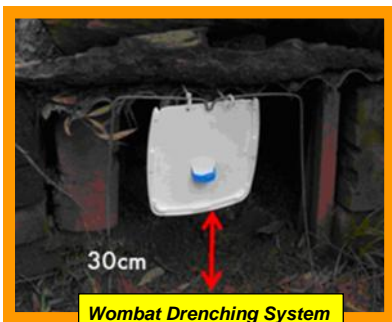
Wombat mange is caused by tiny mites that burrow under the skin. It was probably introduced by dogs or foxes.

As the infection progresses, scabs grow around the eyes and ears, leading to hearing and sight loss. They grow weaker, and spend more time outside during the day, trying to feed. The animal dies slowly and painfully.

Mange can be treated with Cydectin drench but as adult wombats resist captivity they need to be treated in the field. They need the drench applied weekly for 8 weeks then another 4 doses applied fortnightly.

It's sometimes possible to creep up behind badly affected animals and drench them, but you'd need to find them again each week, and as they recover, they're less likely to be out in the day and more likely to run away from you if they are. An easier method is to find their burrow and set up a system to dose them as they enter..

A Burrow Flap can be made from an ice cream container lid as the flap and a bottle top to contain the dose, suspended from a wire frame at the entrance to the burrow. As the wombat passes through, the flap tilts and the Cydectin trickles onto the wombat's back. Replace the dose each week or fortnight during the treatment cycle. If applying by hand, 2.5ml is a sufficient dose, but 4ml should be used in the flap to allow for wastage.



Wombat Drenching System

This session was run by a volunteer organisation called Mange Management. More info can be found on their website: [www.mangemanagement.org.au](http://www.mangemanagement.org.au)

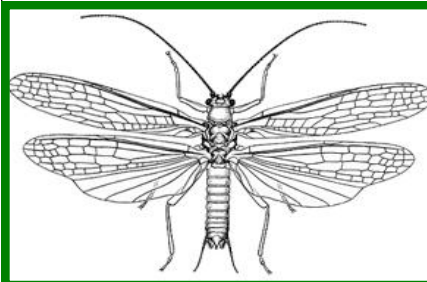
By Louise Currie

## MORE BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### STONEFLIES

#### FOOD for NATIVE FISH

An important part of the ecosystem of our creeks and rivers is the food sources that supply our native fish. Water quality plays an important role in the insect life that populates our creeks, which in turn has an effect on the fish that dwell within it.



Stoneflies are always found near fresh water as their nymphs are aquatic and as an adult they are not powerful fliers. The juveniles closely resemble the adults, but with poorly developed wings (wing pads), and are therefore known as nymphs, rather than larvae. Stoneflies rarely move very far from where they were born.

Most adults emerge around autumn - spring and live for approximately one month. The nymphs are very susceptible to water quality as their development is quite slow, taking between 1-3 years.

It is well known by fly fishermen that the juvenile and adult stoneflies are attractive food for trout and some of our native fish, and in fact some fly fishing lures are made to look like stoneflies.

#### Habitat

Stoneflies prefer freshwater habitats and their surrounds, and adults can be found resting during the day on tree trunks alongside streams and lakes. The nymphs are aquatic and can sometimes be found among the gravel on the bottom of fast flowing streams and well aerated lakes.

#### Identification

Some identifiable characteristics of an adult:

- \* Elongated, flattened soft body
- \* 2 pairs of wings that are held curved around the body at rest.
- \* Some species are wingless.
- \* Long legs

By Kirsten Hogan

### FINDING 'FOXY'

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Hughes Creek  
Catchment Collaborative

### WELCOME to ISSUE 33 2013

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*The Granite News* has always been an open but moderated community forum. We encourage our readers to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly encourage feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in *The Granite News*

### LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

#### NEXT HCCC LANDCARE MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> September @ Ruffy Produce Store  
7.30pm for drinks 8pm for meeting  
Everyone is Welcome  
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

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

### HCCC SPRAY UNITS

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# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2013

Now Until 30th September 10am-4pm	<b>GALLERY 34 "FERTILE GROUND" EXHIBITION</b> At Gallery 34, High St., Yea Ceramics by Margaret Anne Milburn & Digital Photography & Mixed media by Jill Maclean <b>Contact Jo Miller 5797 3222</b>
Tuesday 17th September 7:30pm	<b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE—Annual General Meeting</b> Terip Terip Rec Reserve All are welcome to attend this meeting to work on the future directions of the Rec Reserve and elect new committee members. <b>Note Change of Date from 19th Sept</b> <b>Contact Andrew Holloway (Secretary) 5790 4080</b>
Tuesday 17th September 7pm-9pm	<b>ALEXANDRA LIBRARY "Away With Words" LITERARY EVENING</b> Alexandra Library Grant Street This time it is a discussion evening with Tony Birch, author of "Shadowboxing" You are invited to come along for an evening of history, ideas and reminiscing followed by drinks and supper. <b>Contact 5772 0349</b>
Friday 20th September 7:30pm	<b>HCCC LANDCARE MONTHLY MEETING</b> Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy All Welcome. Drinks at 7:30pm meeting starts 8:00pm <b>Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</b>
Friday 20th September 7:00pm	<b>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)</b> 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 <b>Contact Henry 5790 4246</b>
Saturday 21st September 9am-1:00pm	<b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. <b>Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or <a href="mailto:hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au">hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au</a></b>
Saturday 21st September 7:00pm	<b>RUFFY PRODUCE STORE Spring Equinox Dinner with DELATITE</b> Nolans Rd., Ruffy Three courses and two glasses of wine, \$60 per person. An opportunity to enjoy Freya's fantastic food, sample a number of Delatite Reserve Wines and talk with Andy, their maker. Bookings are necessary. <b>Contact Helen or Freya 5790 4387</b>
Saturday 21st 8:00 pm & Sunday 22nd Sept 4:00pm	<b>EUROA CINEMA "The Lone Ranger"</b> 149 mins (M) Western / Action / Adventure *** 3 stars This movie will delight all those Johnny Depp fans who quietly hide their admiration for this quiet achiever under their pillow! Well, he is back to grace the silver screen with all his charm and rather tricky personality! Film critics were very harsh with their comments about this version of the story of a long time super hero, but I have heard from a number of reliable film-goers and friends that the comments were unwarranted as the movie has some very funny parts to it. It is a thrilling adventure infused with action and humour. Johnny Depp plays Tonto who recounts the untold tales that transformed John Reid (played by Armie Hammer) into a legend of justice – a man of law. Join them on their runaway train of epic surprises and dark humorous friction! All good fun!
Sunday 22nd September 9:30am	<b>St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Join the " <b>SPRING-FLING</b> ", which has been organised by the Euroa Uniting Church for this day. This exciting event will start with a church service in Euroa and will be followed by morning tea. It will then take you on a drive through the countryside and lunch at a mystery destination. You are invited to attend this special event instead of a service at our Terip-Ruffy Church, which has been cancelled. For further information ring <b>Stella Stillman 5790 4276</b>
Thursday 26th September 5:30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS (The word is out!)</b> 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
Friday 27th September From 6:00pm	<b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT</b> 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. <b>Contact 5796 9366 or <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a></b>
Saturday 28th September 6:00pm	<b>RUFFY PROGRESSIVE DINNER</b> 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 Proceeds to Ruffy Rec/Ruffy Hall/TCC <b>Contact Pam Sprunt 5790 4240</b>
Sunday 29th September 10:30am	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> Meet at Highlands Hall I don't know where we're going yet but we'll keep it fairly easy and as it's spring there should be wildflowers to admire. New walkers welcome <b>Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 or <a href="mailto:mlcurrie@bigpond.com">mlcurrie@bigpond.com</a>.</b>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## LOCAL GOINGS ON

### CHIZIA CHAMPIONS DIDN'T CHOKE !

Chizia@Ruffy recently proved to be a very satisfying and fun packed evening for all who attended.

The Ruffy Hall was at capacity and the Challenges, Quizzing and Trivia travelled at a great pace.

The "Eat the Dry Weet-Bix Challenge" was particularly interesting for those who represented their teams, as were *Bums & Boobs*, *The Handball*, *Golf Putting and Coin Toss plus What Am I?* compliments of Google Earth.



**The Cat in the Hat judges the intrepid Dry Weet-Bix Eaters !**

The Ruffy Hall Committee was delighted with the outcome and almost \$1,000 was raised on the night which will go towards the defibrillator that the Ruffy community wishes to purchase.

Of course, functions like this never succeed without those who support it and The Ruffy Community would like to thank

Burton's IGA—Ausrual—Hunter Rural Euroa Arboretum—Morgan's IGA Saville's Hardware—Franz Kloft Mechanical Repairs—Euroa Corner Shop & Takeaway—Thompson's Home Furnishings—The Euroa Pharmacy & Beauty Room—Elgo Estate—Charlikins Pink & Blue—Smarter Safety—Ezy Electrical Services—North by North-East Magazine plus those "Ruffians" who helped to make the evening such a sensational success.

By Roger (The Cat In The Hat) Morgan  
On behalf of the Ruffy Hall Committee.

### THE RUFFY STORE SPRING EQUINOX DINNER With DELATITE

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### MOVING FEAST AT THE RUFFY REC RESERVE !!

A good Old Fashioned community PROGRESSIVE DINNER is happening and YOU are invited !

\* Pre-Dinner Drinks & Nibbles at the Old Ruffy School

\* A Hearty Main Course will be served at The Rec Reserve

\* Desserts & Coffee PLUS Entertainment follows at the Ruffy Hall

Popular local entertainer Jim Davidson will have you rocking the night away.

**Saturday September 28th 6:00pm**



Only \$25 per person

So put on your dancing shoes and book early.

Proceeds to the Ruffy Rec Reserve,  
Ruffy Hall & TCC  
**Contact Pam  
5790 4240**



### ALEXANDRA LIBRARY LITERARY EVENING

The Friends of the Alexandra Library are sponsoring another "Away With Words" event. This time it is a discussion evening with author Tony Birch. He is the author of *Shadowboxing*, a collection of stories set in the Melbourne suburbs, including Fitzroy. It is a touching, moving, and gut-wrenchingly gritty insight into the struggles of the urban working class in Australia some 60 years ago. You are invited to come along to the Alexandra Library on **Tuesday 17 September from 7pm - 9pm** for an evening of history, ideas and reminiscing followed by drinks & supper. Please phone the Alexandra Library to reserve a place on **5772 0349**.

### HIGHLANDS & YEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' "TERRIFIC TRIVIA NIGHT"

\* **Saturday 19th October-7.30pm**

\* **At Yea Recreation Reserve**

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### DEBATABLE POINT

BRITISH ENVIRONMENTALIST, MARK LYNAS, one of the first leaders of the anti-GM movement in the mid-90s, has changed his stance on GM food - he now says GM crops such as cotton, corn, soybeans and canola growing in the Americas and Australia, had resulted in less pesticide and chemical use, reduced the costs of inputs to farmers, cut water usage and boosted food production - with 3 trillion meals containing food derived from GM-bred plants in 29 countries eaten in the past 15 years without a substantiated case of harm, Lynas is now certain it is safe

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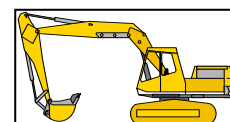
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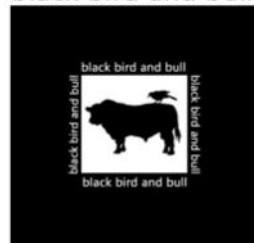
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