



CONVERSATIONS

THERE'S MORE to GEORGE than MEETS THE EYE

They say that still waters run deep, and in the case of George Noye that rings true. 25 year old George is one of Henry and Inday Noye's two sons and, like so many of his forebears, he makes significant contributions to the local community.

Cricketer, boiler-maker, deer & fox hunter, dog trainer, fire-fighter— there's more to George than meets the eye. When you meet George what the eye does see is a quiet, clean shaven, well spoken and polite young man who fixes you with a challenging gaze.

Born & raised at Ruffy, George played serious junior cricket, he developed an early love of the outdoors and he enjoyed 'making stuff'.

While at Euroa High he did two years of VCAL with Don Newnham Engineering before upgrading to full time work as a Boiler-maker Apprentice.

After 3 years at Newnham's he grabbed the opportunity to complete his apprenticeship closer to home at Gary Hewlett's RG Sheds in Ruffy and after 6 years he is still there. Sure, George didn't have so far to travel to work each day but Gary's business reputation as a premium stable manufacturer for the equine industry has taken George and his workmates all over Victoria and as far afield as Sydney & Newcastle. He has gained a reputation for being obsessive about the quality of his work and he thrives on working to strict tolerances.

Up until 2011 George had continued his cricket career with Merton but the recurrence of an old shoulder injury sidelined him last season, which he said turned out to be a bit of a blessing given the busy fire season that we experienced last summer. He has been around fire trucks since he could walk and he officially joined the Ruffy Brigade at the age of 16. He's now the 2nd Lieutenant at Ruffy and is acknowledged as one of the most experienced active members of the brigade. In George's words "...I really like the community spirit that being a CFA member demands of you, and I like the challenge of keeping a cool head in an emergency when your job is to help people out."

While you'll always find George around the local district in Summer, don't bother looking for him any weekend from April to November. He'll be away in the high country pursuing his love of deer tracking and hunting with his well trained Bloodhound and Harrier dogs.

By Don Cook

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

HIGHLANDS & YEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' "TERRIFIC TRIVIA NIGHT"

*Saturday 19th October-7.30pm

*At Yea Recreation Reserve

*Tables of 10 only \$12 per head

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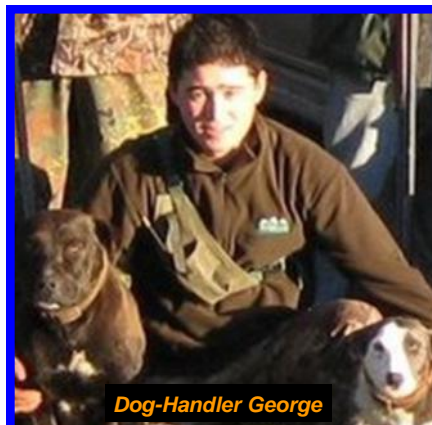
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Welder George



Fire-Fighter George



Dog-Handler George

FINDING 'FOXY'

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WELCOME to ISSUE 35 2013

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

There will be no Granite News next week, Sunday October 6th.

*We will be taking a short break in line with the School Holidays.
Regards, Don & Mavis*

READERS' WRITES

"Thanks once again for another great Granite News edition. I really enjoy keeping up with the news and all the interesting items. I am emailing this week to say Don Cook is a man after my own heart!! I don't know Don, but would you pass on that I have also always wondered at people who must have their lawns so spick and span and no tolerance for leaf litter. I have many magnificent old deciduous trees in my garden, and except for sweeping the paths occasionally, always let the leaf litter and camellia blooms lie as a natural rich mulch. Regards"

— Elaine White

"All agreed on Leaf Blowers and Stick Rakes-BUT- here are 2 exceptions!

My mother once lived on a property with a 5 acre garden in the Dandenongs. She bought a leaf blower much to my disgust! Then, one day I came to mow her lawns. I finished mowing the lawns and started sweeping the 200m drive of lawn clippings. She called out and told me to "USE THE LEAF BLOWER!" It turned a 90 minute job into a 15 minute task at most! So, they do have their place. But, having said that, most tasks can, and should really be tackled with a broom, surely?

Now, as to Stick Rakes-they are a real curse to our landscape in many ways- scraping away good humus and leaf mulch that should be left on the soil. BUT-I can see one use for them-they would be really handy to spread out those unsightly heaps of leaves and twigs that the Shire Graders keep heaping along the roadsides. This year some magnificent clumps of nodding greenhood orchids were covered up along our place and it took me ages to cart away the heap and spread it out. Doubtless it will get covered up again in the next grade! Those poor old roadside plants have a tough life! A stick rake might just give them a chance."

—Justus Hagen

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR SEPT/OCTOBER 2013

Sunday 29th September 10:30am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall The walk will be along Old Coach Road and back, so come on all you people in and around Old Highlands Road – you've just got to step out of your front doors to join in. The walk is a bit over 5km return, unfortunately I can't completely avoid the hills but there's only a couple and they're not too bad. Bring your lunch, and we're invited to Bruce and Helen's for afternoon tea. And "Marc's taxi service" has offered to shuttle people part of the way if it's all too much. And if you don't have a backpack I have several I can loan. It's spring and the weather should be lovely. So do join us! Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com .
Saturday 5th October 9:00am-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 6th October 9:45am	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Meet at the Ruffy Hall at 9:45am We are walking to Mt Cecilia in Creighton's Creek this month. We aim to be at the end of Kelly's Lane in Creighton's Creek by 1:00pm or 1:15pm We promise a reasonably easy walk and great views, company and wonderful plants. We might even find the Piniger Cairn up on top. This will be our last morning walk for the year. In November-(Cup Weekend) we will commence our twilight walks for the summer-meeting at the Hall at 4.45 pm. Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875
Sunday 6th October 10:00am	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Working Bee Terip Terip Rec Reserve Please come along if you are able to help out with a general tidy-up around the Recreation Reserve. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for willing volunteers. Contact Andrew Holloway 5790 4080
Sunday 6th October 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. . For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Thursday 10th October 10:30-12:30pm	RUFFY PLAYGROUP Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Rd., Ruffy This month it's the School Holidays and we'll be doing some Pot Plantings Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally Kubeil 5790 4335
Friday 11th October 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 19th October 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@mcmmedia.com.au
Saturday 19th October From 4:00pm	"WHERE the WILD THINGS ARE" Seymour Bushland Park Telegraph Road, Seymour A Bushland Park guided wildflower walk will be followed by a sausage sizzle, then an evening spotlight walk, led by Peter Mitchell and Barbara Moss, our wonderful field naturalists. RSVP & Enquires Contact Kirsty-Lee McBean 5799 0693 or Kirsty-lee.mcbean@bigpond.com
Saturday 19th October 7:30pm	HIGHLANDS & YEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' 'Terrific Trivia Night' Yea Recreation Reserve Get a table together or just come on your own and we'll put together a table for you. Further Enquiries Contact Highlands Primary School 5796 9208
Sunday 20th October 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip The service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All Welcome Further Enquiries Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Tuesday 22nd October 7:30pm	HiARTS Annual General Meeting Highlands Community Hall, Highlands We invite all members of the community who believe in HiArts to come along and give voice to their ideas and express their commitment for HiArts. Further Enquiries Contact Stuart or Judy Reid 5796 9358
Friday 25th October 6:30pm	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
Friday 25th October 8:00PM	HCCC LANDCARE Annual General Meeting Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy 7:30pm Drinks, Meeting Commences at 8:00pm All local landholders are Encouraged and Welcome to attend. Further Enquiries Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4128



Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

POSSIBLE BEEF HEALTH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP AT LOCAL VENUE

By Robyn Richards, Terip Terip

Hi everyone, I am pleased to advise that through GOTAFE I have the opportunity to run a local "Integrated Beef Health Management workshop"

The program would be delivered by Dr. Rod Manning from Mike Stephens & Associates. Rod now operates an 1100 cow enterprise comprising a 70% cow-calf and 30% steer trading and finishing operation in Mansfield, Alexandra and Benalla.

Rod is highly respected in the beef industry for his entrepreneurial skills and his extensive experience working with producer groups through training programs to assist in promoting healthy and productive cattle herds.

The program will enable beef producers to develop integrated animal health production systems. It is also designed for anyone with large or small herds wanting to improve their production efficiency and to maximise viable returns.

Key topics to be covered are:

- # Production management strategies
- # Heifer reproduction efficiency
- # Introduction to disease types
- # Integrated farming systems
- # Safe treatment practices
- # Condition scoring

We are looking at 4 one-day workshops with possible dates Oct 24/25 November 30th & December 1st.

Venue depending on numbers would be either: Highlands, Ruffy or Terip with visits to local farms. (depending on where the interest comes from)

Cost for the full 4 days workshops will be \$350 for those eligible for a government subsidised place or \$500 for others.

If you are interested please contact
Robyn Richards
5790 4303

rrichards@4upskilling.com.au

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Do you know someone outstanding?
Have you thought about nominating them for an Australia Day award?

The Shire of Murrindindi has opened nominations for
Murrindindi Citizen of the Year
Murrindindi Young Citizen of the Year
Murrindindi Community Event of the Year

These awards provide all Shire of Murrindindi residents with the opportunity to pay tribute to our outstanding local achievers.

Download the nomination form
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au
pick up an application form
from any council office
or call Kat James on 5772 0341

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 8 November 2013

TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE MOWING ROSTER

As you may know, the TTRR is grateful to volunteers who mow the lawns around the recreation reserve.

With the grass now growing like crazy, Jill Davidson is currently revising the mowing roster for the TTRR and is looking for volunteers who would be willing to have their names added. It only takes an hour or so to do your turn, and all tools, fuel and ride-on mower are provided.

Depending on how many are on the roster, each person's turn comes around one or two times a year (or less if we get a few extra willing volunteers!).

If you are able to help out with the mowing roster, please give Jill a call on 5790 4202

MURRINDINDI SHIRE FIRE AMNESTY

Murrindindi Shire Council's annual burning amnesty starts on October 1st

The amnesty allows property owners to burn vegetation materials without a permit, but under certain conditions including keeping fires to one metre in diameter and height.

An alternative to burning off is a free green waste disposal being offered at Council's Transfer Stations. This will be available from 1st October—14th October
Inquiries to Council on 5772 0376

TRADING PLACES

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POSITIONS VACANT

Ruffy Produce Store is looking for a cheerful person who understands the hospitality business and is available Fridays, weekends and public holidays to work in the kitchen mainly washing dishes and clearing tables.

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Friday October 25th at The Ruffy Store
7:30pm for Drinks, 8:00pm Meeting
Everyone is encouraged & welcome
For more info Contact Janet Hagen
5790 4268 or jhagen@harboursat.com.au

THE TIME IS CLOSE FOR SPRAYING PATERSONS CURSE

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

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

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(You'd have thought that ship was unsinkable! Ed)

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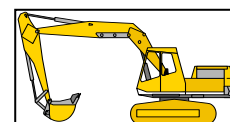
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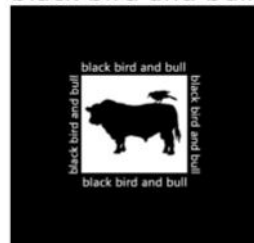
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