



## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### Running Postman *Kennedia prostrata*

This groundcover creeper is inconspicuous most of the year, until spring when the bright red



pea-flowers suddenly emerge. The leaves are in threes, like clover and have crinkly edges.

It can sprawl over a metre or more. I've only seen it occasionally around the district, but we came across one on September's Highland ramble.

Aboriginals used the stems for twine and sucked nectar from the flowers.

I assume the name relates to the colour of postmen's uniforms at some time in the past, because I've never seen a postman like this.

By Louise Currie

### NEWS FLASH !!

The Ruffy Produce Store will open every day of Melb Cup "Weekend"  
Sat 2nd-Sun 3rd-Monday 4th  
and Melbourne Cup Day Tues 5th

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week *Lucia*



**For a mature attitude,  
being helpful & polite and  
always completing her  
best. Well done!**

**Trivia Night:** Thank you to everyone who supported the combined schools' Trivia Night last Saturday night.

It was a very enjoyable night and we made \$1577 for each school- a great result for very little work.

Thank you to Maree Gilbert, Philip & Natalie Wischer, Chris, Laura, John & Jessica Bennett and Tim & Cindy Hayes for coming along and supporting the evening.

Thank you to Leone Gabrielle, Darren Gilbert, Chris Bennett and Robyn Richards for their generous donations towards the auction. Special thank you to John and Laura Bennett who provided musical questions at the end of each round.

They were a huge hit and are now in hot demand!

By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS



**Hughes Creek**  
Catchment Collaborative

### WELCOME to ISSUE 38 2013

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

*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*

### READERS' WRITES

*"Please see attached photo proving that consistent spraying twice a year can keep Paterson's curse out. Keep it up it can be done."*

—Deb & David Lawrence, Avenel



**Clear evidence of Deb & David's Paterson's Curse control programme**

### LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

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Highlands— Scott McKay **5796 9259**  
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Coordinator--HCCC Landcare  
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# COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR    OCTOBER/NOV 2013

<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b>	<p><b>W/C 28th Oct</b> Alec &amp; Marion Rowan —Brad Kellett &amp; Kate Wright—Carpark and all four courts</p> <hr/> <p><b>W/C 4th Nov</b> Sue Martin—Andrew Holloway &amp; Tim Andrews—Both sides of Springs Rd &amp; all four courts</p>
<b>Monday 28th October 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>“ON THE COUCH” at Highlands Hall</b> Presented by the Murrindindi Library Service                  A feast of literature and with supper included.                  Come along and be surprised and amazed at the fantastic world of print !                  It's very rarely that the library comes to us ! <span style="float: right;"><b>Contact Pauline 5796 9301</b></span></p>
<b>Thursday 31st October 5:30pm</b>	<p><b>SECRET MEN’S BUSINESS</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</p>
<b>Saturday 2nd November 9am—2pm</b>	<p><b>YEA COUNTRY MARKET</b> 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</p>
<b>Saturday 2nd November 7:00pm</b> <b>Sunday 3rd November 4:00pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA “RED 2”</b> 115 mins (M) Drama *** 3 stars                  Three years ago there was the movie “Red” and now the stellar cast is back for a sequel.                  Bruce Willis, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren, Mary-Louse Parker, Catherine Zeta-Jones &amp; Anthony Hopkins are all on screen!                  Bruce Willis plays Frank Moses, an ex-CIA agent and “Retired and Extremely Dangerous” – which is where the acronym RED comes from! The story this time around is when Frank is living in domestic bliss and an old friend warns him he is in danger of being killed.                  They take off across to Paris, London and Moscow with a couple of assassins after them.                  There is mystery, fun, some well-staged action and who knows what else to keep you entertained.</p>
<b>Sunday 3rd November 4:45pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS</b> Monthly Twilight Ramble to High Points of Interest around the district                  There will also be some additional walks during late spring to take advantage of wildflowers etc-watch the website and noticeboard near Ruffy Hall . Meet at Ruffy Community Hall at 4:45pm  <span style="float: right;"><b>Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875</b></span></p>
<b>Tuesday 5th November 12 noon</b>	<p><b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON</b>                  Cup Sweep—Raffle—Prizes—‘Terip Cup’—Fashions on the Field                  \$25 pp or \$50 per Family Bookings Essential by 30th October <b>Contact Kate 5790 4148 Helen 5790 4211</b></p>
<b>Thursday 7th November 10:30am-12:30pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY PLAYGROUP</b> Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Nolans Rd., Ruffy                  This Month it’s Cut &amp; Paste/Colouring                  Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. <b>Contact Sally 5790 4335</b></p>
<b>Thursday 7th November 11:30am</b>	<p><b>LIONS CLUB of SEYMOUR/GOULBURN OAKS DAY LUNCHEON</b> Seymour Race Club                  Lunch at 12.45 pm Admission \$25.00 per person (tables of 10) Drinks available at the bar (NO BYO)                  Door prizes.. Raffles.. Best Dressed.. Best Hat.. Best Shoes..  <span style="float: right;"><b>Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery, Shop 1 The Mall, Seymour</b></span></p>
<b>Friday 8th November 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>‘DRINKS ON THE DECK’</b> 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. <b>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</b></p>
<b>Saturday 9th November 9:00am</b>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE</b> at The Highlands Hall                  Jobs include weeding, mowing, cleaning, preparation of the west wall for painting and replacing / painting the picket fence. Bring appropriate tools &amp; lend a hand. A BBQ lunch will be provided.                  For more information <b>Contact Judy Cameron on 5796 9247</b></p>
<b>Tuesday 12th November 8:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP</b> Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Road Ruffy                  Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to consider and advance local projects and ideas.                  Everybody is Welcome <b>Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268</b></p>
<b>Friday 15th November 7:00pm</b>	<p><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></p>
<b>Saturday 16th November 9am-1pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa                  “Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop” A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from “local” producers.  <span style="float: right;"><b>Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or <a href="mailto:hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au">hunaleah@mcmmedia.com.au</a></b></span></p>
<b>Monday 18th November 8:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING</b> Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road                  Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. <b>Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</b></p>

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## LOCAL GOINGS ON



### Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

Tuesday 5th November 12 noon — Champagne on Arrival

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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
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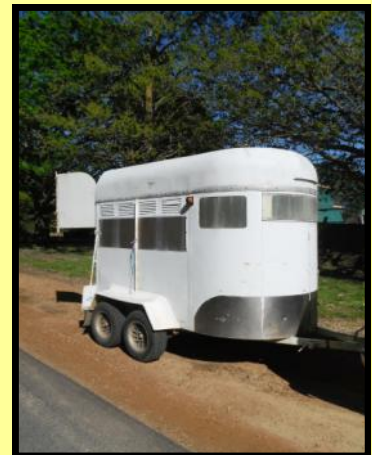
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Now it is Highlands/Caveat and Ruffy's turn, so don't miss out !

A 7.30pm start at the Highlands, a feast of literature with supper included.

Come along and be surprised and amazed at the fantastic world of print !

It's very rarely that the library comes to us, make the most of it.

Enquiries?

Contact Pauline 5796 9301

### 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](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au)

pick up an application form

from any council office

or call Kat James on 5772 0341

Nominations close 5pm Friday 8th  
November 2013

### HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE

It's Spring and our Hall needs some TLC to prepare for a busy Summer season.

# Weeding # Mowing # Cleaning

# Prep of the west wall for painting

# Replacing & painting the picket fence

Bring appropriate tools & lend a hand A BBQ lunch will be provided

If you can help please be there

**Saturday November 9th 9am**

Contact Judy Cameron  
5796 9247

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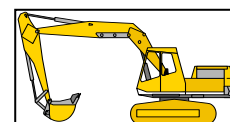
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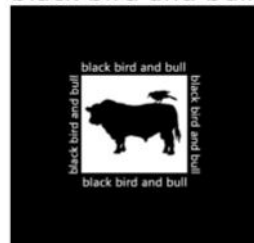
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