



BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

ROADKILL

Tearing down the road to Seymour, or down the Freeway to Melbourne, spare a thought for our neighbours who share the land with us.....Still.

Sometimes I think it is something of a miracle that we still have phascogales, goannas, gliders, koalas, and kangaroos sharing our environment with us.

While we are revelling in our beautiful landscape, they are quietly going about their business as they were hundreds (thousands) of years before we arrived here.

But times are tough for them, as our need for speed takes precedent.

Today I was saddened to discover a beautiful bearded dragon dying on our road. Our bearded dragons are a lovely golden amber/ orange colour. He joined the many squashed blue tongues, wallabies, baby joeys, wombats and snakes seen in the past week in my travels.

Each one a small tragedy.



Dying on the roadside

We can give them some room; —slow down; allow a few extra minutes; enjoy our drive; above all give them a fighting chance.

Their continuing presence here is our reward for that little extra care.

By "Nature Girl"

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Rick



For terrific improvements in his maths. Well done!

Concert practise: Concert practise is going well and students are really enjoying working with Susan Bennett again this year. Senior students have copies of scripts and we ask for your assistance in learning lines, please get your child to read their part aloud to you regularly. The concert will be on Monday 16th December at 6pm.

Thank you: A big thank you to Andrew Shaw for the donation of some wood for shelves in the aquaponics hot house. We are very grateful for your contribution Andrew.

By Meagan Callander-Principal, HPS

LOCAL GOINGS ON

River & Ranges Winery Ride ROAD CLOSURE HIGHLANDS ROAD Sunday 1st December 2013

Members of ORICA-GreenEDGE and ORICA-AIS Cycling teams & 700 other riders, will be taking part in this event.



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

WELCOME to ISSUE 42 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*

READERS' WRITES

"While we understand the feelings of local residents - us included - what is the use of the Shire doing anything other than patching up the rough spots and potholes, when the logging is to continue until Approx. March 2014?"

The section between Yuritta's Road and the Caveat Church is extremely bad, but we drive accordingly, put up with the patching-up, until all logging has finished. Only then can the Shire hope to do a thorough job of repair. We would prefer our rates to be used for one thorough job after the trucks have stopped. However, we would very strongly urge council to ensure funds are available for restoring the roads to their original excellent condition, as soon as logging operations have ceased."--J & J Sporry, Caveat

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We know that this is your road and we do apologise for any inconvenience.

The 138km portion of this ride, commencing at Mitchelton Winery, will include a stop over at Highlands Hall for lunch and refreshments.



It is anticipated that cyclists will commence arriving at 10.00am and head off on the next leg around 1.00pm.

Highlands participated in this event last year and it was a great success.

The road will be closed to everyone except Residents of Highlands Rd

- # Riders will be on Ghin Ghin Road & Highlands Road from 10am until 2pm
 - # The road closure is from the Highlands Primary School then 14km of the descent towards Seymour
 - # Local Traffic ie: Residents & Businesses will still have access all day
 - # We do ask that you try to avoid using Highlands Road on that day, if possible
- For Further Information **Dean Trevorrow 0416 686 975** or deantrevorrow@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR NOV/DEC 2013

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	<p>W/C 18th Nov Craig & Jenny Murphy—Neville & Sue Debney—Car Park and All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 25th Nov Jim & Jill Davidson—Georgina Bett—Both sides of Springs Rd and all four courts</p>
Sunday 24th November 11:15am	<p>St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p>
Sunday 24th November 10:30	<p>HIGHLAND RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall 10:30am Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com</p>
Sunday 24th November 9:00am	<p> HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE—Pre Season Meeting Highlands Fire Shed All members urged to attend Please spread the word RSVP to Les Lawson 5796 9265 or Alistair Lade 5796 9276</p>
Thursday 28th November 5:30pm	<p>TERIP TENNIS SOCIAL HIT UP Terip Tennis Courts Terip Terip Tennis Club welcomes anyone who would like to join us for a social hit of tennis on Thursday afternoon. Bring your rackets and have a hit for fun. For more details Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277</p>
Tuesday 26th November 8:00pm Change of Date	<p>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Road Ruffy Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everybody is Welcome – There will be a nice Supper following the meeting to end another successful year Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268</p>
Thursday 28th November 1:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL— Christmas Stall at Highlands Primary School A perfect way to do some Christmas shopping and support your school. Hand knitted socks, beanies, cards, soaps and beautiful pens made from off-cuts of exotic Tasmanian timbers, they are just superb.</p>
Thursday 28th November 5:30pm	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS 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>
Friday 29th November 6:00pm	<p>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</p>
Saturday 30th November 7:00pm Sunday 1st December 4pm	<p>EUROA CINEMA "About Time" 123 mins (M) Drama/SciFi/Comedy **** 3.5 stars At the age of 21, Tim Lake (Domhnall Gleeson) discovers he can travel in time... The night after another unsatisfactory New Year party, Tim's father (Bill Nighy) tells his son that the men in his family have always had the ability to travel through time. Sadly, that turns out not to be as easy as you might think. Also starring Rachel McAdams</p>
Saturday 30th November 8:00pm	<p>RuffArtZ 'Season of Saturdays' at the Ruffy Hall. The last concert for this season will feature the group The Great Gondos. This company fuses new circus and physical comedy to create highly accessible performances appealing to audiences of all ages. Doors open 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. Tickets \$25.00 Contact Sharron 5790 4329 (leave a message)</p>
Sunday 1st December 2:00pm	<p>Official Opening of the Ruffy Sculpture Garden at the rear of the Ruffy Hall. Ruffy Art Show Committee invites the community to the official opening of our Sculpture Garden. This will be followed by the opportunity to meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments. The afternoon will conclude with the RuffArtZ AGM at 4.00pm – everyone is welcome to attend.</p>
Tuesday 3rd December 8:00pm	<p> RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE —Pre-Season Meeting At the Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) All Welcome Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956</p>
Friday 6th December 6:00pm	<p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP BBQ at Highlands Hall BYO drinks, chairs, meat and salad to share. Don't miss out on the special visit from Santa at 7.30pm and the beautiful voices of the children singing Christmas carols. Please drop off presents for your children at the school prior to this date labelled with their name (maximum of \$5). Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</p>
Saturday 7th December 6:00pm	<p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATIONS Ruffy CFA will provide the meat for a Family BBQ—Please bring Salad or Sweet to Share...BYO Drinks It is expected that Santa will pop in for a visit (Items for the children to be given to Ruffy CFA Captain John) Contact John Furlanetto 0427 344956 or Ros Goodwin 5790 4161</p>
Saturday 14th December 6:00pm	<p>TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Festivities start at 6pm, or come along earlier to watch the Tennis. \$5 per head, BBQ Meat will be provided and please bring a Salad or Sweet to Share RSVP - Sue Martin by Dec 10 – 5790 4277</p>



Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON



The Ruffy Art Show Committee cordially invite you to the opening of the new Ruffy Hall Sculpture Garden on Sunday 1 December 2013 at 2pm Followed by light refreshments & an opportunity to meet artist Steve Tobin. RSVP 5790 4329

The afternoon will conclude with the RuffArtZ AGM at 4 pm. Everyone most welcome to attend

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CITY vs COUNTRY CRICKET MATCH at the RCG

Welch's Wanderers handed out a shellacking (by 3 runs) to Shawy's Shockers at the RCG (Ruffy Cricket Ground) in this year's Country v City cricket match played on Saturday 23rd November.

This sometimes friendly game is played at the magnificently manicured Ruffy Cricket Ground each year as a warm up for the Highlands vs Ruffy grudge match at Strath Creek's Hume & Hovell Ground.



The City/Country 'Combine' relax after play at the RCG

The usual amount of skuldugery preceded the finalisation of team sheets, with the more astute competitors taking time to assess the make up of the respective sides before nominating as a Country Member or a City Dweller. The administrators became totally confused due to the number of players claiming bi-residential status.

Everybody knows that Bowlers win Test Matches and it played out that way on Saturday, with the City side romping home on the back of stunning bowling performances from the evergreen Jim McCooey and from 'Poss' (he's been playing for 10 years but no-one knows his real name). They were ably assisted by a stoic innings from Scotty McKay and some outrageous "no ball" calls by City's fifth-columnist, Umpire Alan Jarrott.



City captain Fraser Welch accepts the trophy from Andrew Shaw

"Poss" was named Man-of-the-Match, with other highlights being the one-stump run-out by Michael from Bungle Boori & the scintillating outfield catch by Craig Murphy.



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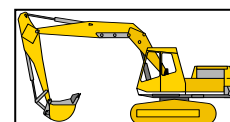
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