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Habitat Search for Local Macquarie Perch

An investigation of how Hughes Creek's stream and bank conditions affect the threatened species, Macquarie Perch, will start shortly.

The investigation is part of a project, funded by the Victorian Government and delivered by the GBCMA to improve habitat in the creek for Macquarie Perch.



"We know there are Macquarie Perch in the creek," Goulburn Broken CMA River Health Officer Christine Glassford said.

"However, we are keen to learn more about where these populations are as well as the factors affecting Macquarie Perch habitat and their ability to move along the creek to breed and feed."

"This will be done by investigating the condition of the stream and banks and, later, through fish surveys to correlate river condition with the location and extent of various fish species."

The Goulburn Broken CMA has sent letters to all Hughes Creek landholders informing them of the project. Regular updates on the project, and ways the broader community can participate in activities, will be made available on the Goulburn Broken CMA and Strathbogie Conservation Network websites, and via local media.

Ms Glassford said the Goulburn Broken CMA was also offering funding support to landholders for works on the Hughes Creek and major tributaries that could include

- control of stock access via construction of streamside fencing and installation of off-stream water points;
- revegetation and supplement planting; and
- placement of in-stream habitat and channel formation works.

"Similar projects in the Yea River and King Parrot Creek catchments have seen great improvements in Macquarie Perch populations and waterway health and we look forward to working with the community to bring about similar improvements within Hughes Creek," Ms Glassford said.

"If you are interested in finding out more about the project and any of these activities, or would like to meet with me at your property to discuss frontage management, please contact me at the Yea office on ."

The local HCCC Landcare network will be supporting the delivery of this project by passing information to relevant landholders, promoting events and participating in field days.

For more information about this Goulburn Broken CMA programme call 5736 0100 or visit www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

TERIP TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2014

Close to thirty players took to the courts on the first Saturday of the year and everyone had a great day.

The committee thanks everyone for attending and also to the community members who contributed throughout the day.

Men's Section 1 Winner - Todd Eddy (Terip/Mansfield)

Eq Runners Up - Ken Richards (Terip) & David Penny (Broadford)

Men's Section 2 Winner - Mitchell Barklay (Broadford)

Runner Up - Matthew Lawrence (Terip)

Ladies' Section 1 Winner - Cindy Hayes (Caveat)

Runner Up - Frances Lawrence (Terip)

Ladies' Section 2 Winner - Alyson Barklay (Broadford)

Runner Up - Ralene Stratton (Benalla)



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

WELCOME to 01 2014

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Welcome to *The Granite News* 2014. You'll notice a slight change of format.

We've moved the "What's On" calendar to Page 4 for easier reference and our permanent advertisers are now located on Page 2.

During 2014 we'll be doing occasional background articles on our advertisers so that readers can gain more insight to the services that are available from our local *Granite News* sponsors.

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

Big Hugs to Gary & Andy !!

The Ruffy Snow Gum Walking Track Committee would like to thank Andy Williams and Gary Hewlett for donating some of their valuable holiday time, materials and welding expertise to the project. A strong bridge to cross the boggy wetlands has now been constructed and is being concreted into position during the drier summer season. Project coordinator, Neil Doran is very happy with this leap forward in progress, the walking track is 'on track' to be officially opened in April.

Future working bees to erect interpretive signs and track markers are planned.



By Janet Hagen.

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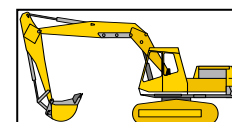
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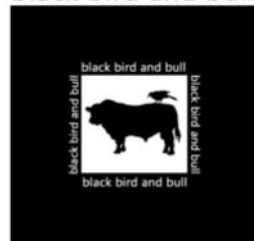
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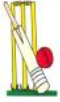
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LOCAL GOINGS ON



Family Cricket Day at the Ruffy Cricket Ground Ruffy vs Highlands 2013 "The most fun you can have lying down"

Being a sober son of the protestant gentry I never understood the above saying until I played cricket at Ruffy on Saturday December 21st.

At one stage in the game, after a mighty hoike by Rob for 4, most of the ancients posing as fielders went to ground to stretch backs, hamstrings, calves or just to have a nanny nap. Unfortunately Mitch or Sam or Lockie (combined age under 20) sprinted to the boundary and returned the ball far too quickly and you could hear the collective groans of the decrepits as they rose like the un-killable Zombies.

Regardless of the above, a great day's cricket was enjoyed by the 24 players who were almost outnumbered by the spectators. The highlights of the day were

- * Tash's exuberant celebration that would have had her in trouble with Cricket Australia.....especially as she had just bowled Sam, aged 8.
- * Jim McCooney's instructions to his son (and Captain) about where he could put his bullet-like returns were linguistically instructive to the younger generation and earned the lapsed papist an hour in the confessional.
- * Shaun McLennan making a comeback to cricket for the first time since he was 16, was a sensation taking two wickets, a catch and scoring 20.
- * Danni being the highest scoring international on the RCG with 3 runs.
- * David Sleigh doing his Michael Clarke impersonation that extended only as far as his chronic back troubles.

* Sundries not being the highest scorer.

However it didn't matter how many runs anyone scored as they were all equally important. The final over was a flurry of activity with Highlands needing 9 to win and Ruffy needing 2 wickets.

Rob enticed Hamish McAlpin with flight and guile to slog a catch to square which Jack Murphy held easily and Highlands scored 8 after 'keeper Ginnivan sportingly missed a run out opportunity from the last ball (please don't tell Don Cook or Gerry will never hear the end of it) and through some oversight by the Highlands scorer (who has been summarily disciplined and dismissed).....the game was a tie.

Surprisingly after the scrutineers checked the fantasy that poses as an official document - the Score-book actually agreed!

A BBQ was held afterwards which went well into the night.

Apparently the stayers had to wait until the hot water got hot enough to do the washing up or they would have been home much earlier. [Insert sarcasm emoticon].

Thanks to all those who generously donated to the pitch renewal fund.

We have collected over \$1000 which will enable pitch repairs to begin in the not too distant future.

By Scott McKay



Thanks to Neil Doran for the photos of the Family Cricket Day at the RCG



INTERESTING INSIGHT

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v Riverine (Them)
At Beechworth
Lunch 1.30pm

Dinner at Brewery 7pm

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- Ruffy 1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team
- Terip Terip..... 2nd Lieutenant Ken Richards' Team

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W/C 17th Feb Alec & Marion Rowan-Brad Kellett & Katie Wright—Around Clubhouse & all four courts

**Friday 24th
January**

7:00pm

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**Thursday 30th
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5:30pm

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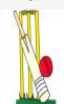
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**Saturday 15th
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11am



HIGHLAND vs RUFFY CRICKET MATCH at Village Green & Pavilion (ex Hume&Hovell) Strath Creek
This is the annual grudge match between Highlands and Ruffy, played on turf by cricketers wearing creams.
Australia’s Test opening batsman Chris Rogers’ father John has purchased the ‘Hume & Hovell’ cricket ground and he’s sure to be telling some stories about his son’s excellent performances against England in the recent Ashes series. All Welcome
For further information Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259

**Friday 28th
February**

6:30pm

ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek
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