



## LOCAL GOINGS ON

### Aboriginal cultural heritage around Euroa



Last of the Molka Tribe—Euroa Historical Society

Following the successful introductory course that David Chalmers conducted in October and November 2013, he has offered to lead a continuation of the course in a somewhat different format.

The proposed course would involve field work at cultural heritage sites near Euroa, hopefully assisted by descendants of the Taungurung people and a trained archaeologist.

This interesting Euroa U3A course for all those interested in the indigenous history of the Strathbogie Ranges is now open for enrolments - closing next Friday January 31st.

Contact Judi Hanlon [judithhanlon@bigpond.com](mailto:judithhanlon@bigpond.com)

Erwin Weinmann, 5790 4309 is your Local contact if you don't have email



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## READERS' WRITES

*"Thank you to the CFA volunteers of Whiteheads Creek – Tarcombe and Highlands/ Caveat, who attended the fire at "Fernside" on 16/1/14."* —From Rod & Melinda Chisholm.

*"It is with regret that I have to inform you of the possibility that there may be an arsonist active within the Whiteheads Creek area.*

*The fire on the corner of Hall Lane and Kobyboyn Rd is being treated as suspicious. We have been asked to be vigilant in taking notice of anything suspicious, not vigilantes !*

*Please call the police with any concerns, don't take matters into your own hands. Please also let me know.*

*If you see people pulled over on the side of the road, note down the number plate, colour and vehicle type and anything distinguishing that may be helpful if there is an incident and if you're comfortable, wind down the window and ask if they are okay. It may be enough to stop someone doing the wrong thing!*

*A quick reminder to carry water and/or a fire extinguisher on board if you are planning to use power tools, chainsaws, tractors, mowers and the like and please be mindful of the weather conditions and fire danger ratings before deciding to use them."*

**Scott James—Captain,  
Whiteheads Creek-Tarcombe  
Fire Brigade**

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## FINDING FOXY

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## From Penang to Longwood

**A presentation by  
Paul Macgregor  
February 28th from 6.30pm  
at 'Rocky Passes'**

**Paul Macgregor**, is best known locally for organising the Black Market food swap market in the Seymour district. Paul is also an historian, and was curator of the Chinese Museum in Melbourne from 1990-2005. He still works as a freelance historian and has spent the last 10 years uncovering the story of **Lowe Kong Meng**, one of the great untold celebrities of our colonial history.

At our February Tapas Night, you have an opportunity to learn about **Lowe Kong Meng**, a Chinese gold-rush merchant based in colonial Melbourne.

He was one of the earliest "tree-changers" in our district. In the 1880s he bought a property near Longwood which he named Karep, and his descendants then became well-known locally for their horse racing.

If you would like to book, please call **5796 9366** or email [contact@rockypasses.com.au](mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au)

## News from the Cinema

### We Are Nearly There !!

On behalf of everyone at the Euroa Cinema I do apologise for the delay in re-opening.

We have now been advised that a special lens has been dispatched from Belgium and once it has arrived we will receive all the projection equipment ready for installation.

With that in mind we anticipate re-opening the weekend of **8th & 9th February.**

As soon as everything is confirmed, the equipment is in place and our volunteers trained, movies will be booked and you will be the first to know what is happening.

We look forward to being able to screen the movies you want to see very soon.

Thanks for your patience and also thanks to the many people who have enquired about our progress – it is very encouraging and we look forward to seeing you all on a regular basis.

**Kind regards—Judi Hanlon**

**Euroa Community Cinema  
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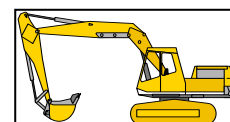
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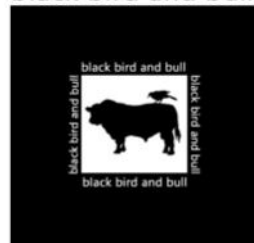
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# Classifieds & Community Notices

## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### And now, a few words from THE MINISTER.....about WATER.....

I have released the **Water Bill Exposure Draft** to provide Victorians the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the state's water laws.

Release of the Exposure Draft is an important milestone in the Victorian Government's comprehensive review of Victoria's water laws. This review will deliver a more effective legislative framework for water management and use in Victoria. The review has brought the *Water Act 1989* and the *Water Industry Act 1994* into a single new streamlined Water Act that reflects contemporary practice in water management and government policy.

The Exposure Draft gives Victorians a chance to provide feedback on the proposed changes before they are passed as law.

There will be an eight week consultation period from today until **14 February 2014** for submissions to be received on the Exposure Draft.

A plain English Explanatory Guide is being released with the Exposure Draft. It sets out the main proposals in the Exposure Draft to help stakeholders understand the proposals and provide comment on the Bill before it is finalised and introduced to Parliament in 2014.

A series of public forums on the Exposure Draft will be held across regional Victoria and Melbourne in late January and early February 2014.

More information about these forums will be provided in the coming weeks.

Information sheets and a table showing where to find the equivalent provisions from the *Water Act 1989* and the *Water Industry Act 1994* in the Exposure Draft are also available.

In 2012, I appointed an expert Advisory Panel with legal and water industry experience to oversee the review and make recommendations. The panel is chaired by John Adams, with John Wilkinson, Stuart Gemmill, Russell Cooper and Robert Sadler panel members.

When the submission period has closed, the Advisory Panel and I will consider the comments which have been received through the consultation period and finalise the Water Bill. The aim is to introduce the final Water Bill to Parliament in 2014.

Copies of the Exposure Draft, the Explanatory Guide and other information can be found on the Office of Living Victoria website:

<http://www.livingvictoria.vic.gov.au/water-law-review>



**The Hon Peter Walsh MLA**  
Minister for Agriculture & Food Security, Minister for Water  
8 Nicholson St, East Melbourne, 3002  
phone 03 9637 9940 | fax 03 9637 8254

**Details for local public forums are:**

**Melbourne—Wednesday 29th January—2pm-4pm**  
**Gorman Room Urban Workshop Conference Centre, 50 Lonsdale Street**

**Shepparton—Monday 3rd February—10am-12pm**  
**Quality Hotel Parklake, 481 Wyndham Street Shepparton**

GROUNDWATER accounts for about 90% of Australia's total fresh water reserves – only a fraction is in rivers, lakes and dams on the surface - currently it supplies 30% of our daily water needs. *Daily Soils Digest 5/2/13*

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## TABLELANDS CRICKET CALENDAR 2014

**Saturday 15th Feb 2014 11am**

**Highlands v Ruffy**

**At Village Green & Pavilion**

**Strath Creek**

**Lunch at 1.30pm**

**Saturday 8th March**

**Highlands/Ruffy Combine**

**vs Maygar's Hill Winery**

**At Ruffy Cricket Ground**

**Then Dinner at Ruffy Store**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2014 11am**

**Wilderness (Us)**

**v Riverine (Them)**

**At Beechworth**

**Lunch 1.30pm**

**Dinner at Brewery 7pm**

**Everyone is Welcome to Play**

**Call Scott McKay for further info**

**5796 9259 or 0427 969259**

# COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR JAN/FEB/MAR 2014



**CFA ROSTERS**  
W/C Jan 26th

- **Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe**..... Driver: Peter Gremlick Assistant: Lindsay Heffer
- **Ruffy** ..... 2nd Lieutenant **George Noye’s Team**
- **Terip Terip**..... 3rd Lieutenant **Tim Lawrence’s Team**

**TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER**

**W/C 27th Jan** Tim & Cindy Hayes-Marcus Hill & Kara Penhale-Both sides of Springs Rd and all four courts  
**W/C 17th Feb** Alec & Marion Rowan-Brad Kellett & Katie Wright—Around Clubhouse & all four courts

**Thursday 30th January**  
5:30pm

**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

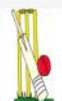
**Saturday 1st February**  
9am—2pm

**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

**Saturday 15th February**  
9am-1pm

**EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET** Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa  
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**Saturday 15th February**  
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 21st February**  
7:30pm

**HCCC LANDCARE MEETING** Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy  
Monthly committee meeting to consider local environmental initiatives.  
All welcome to come along & contribute. **Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268**



**Friday 28th February**  
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.  
This month we also have a special presentation by historian **Paul McGregor** on one of our colourful local early settlers—**Lowe Kong Meng**.  
**Contact 5796 9366 or Email [contact@rockypasses.com.au](mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au)**

**Saturday 8th March**  
Time TBA



**HIGHLANDS/RUFFY vs MAYGAR’S HILL WINERY—FAMILY CRICKET MATCH** at the RCG  
The Lowlanders from Maygar’s have challenged the Highlander/Ruffians for cricket bragging rights. It’ll be a terrific family day at the delightful Ruffy Cricket Ground, followed by Dinner at The Ruffy Produce Store.  
Everyone is welcome to play—especially the kids. **Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259**

**Monday 10th March**  
9am-2pm



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**Saturday 29th March 2014**



**SAVE THE DATE** more information coming soon