



MY LOCAL ICON

THE MAN UNDER the FLOOR

Contemporary renovations to the Anglican Church in Euroa, Victoria, unearthed a three-piece leadlight window which had not seen the light of day in over a century. Covered in layers of dust, leaf litter, possum and rodent droppings, the window is both a significant example of early 20th century glass craftsmanship and an artefact showing how unique responses to loss, mourning and commemoration were, in the past, enacted.



One of the Panels of the 'Charlton Window'

While foremost in our minds at present is the approaching Centenary of the Anzacs, little is known of local community involvement in the Boer War and, how its impact was felt within the Strathbogie district. These windows hold the threads of a story which tell of a local, John Charlton from Castle Creek, who lived, laughed and loved (and most assuredly was loved); of a man who volunteered to fight and die for King and Empire, many thousands of miles away from his family, friends and home.

Set within shades of green and gold glass, the story goes on to tell of the death of a son and soldier and, of how his family and community set about establishing a lasting commemoration to his memory. It was reported that the Castle Creek Hall "...was draped in black, relieved by beautifully designed wreaths in white flowers..." to mark Trooper John Charlton's passing. Further, while his body would remain in Pretoria, South Africa, his memory would be inscribed forever in glass at Euroa.

That was until all three windows were placed underneath the floor whilst additions and alterations to St. Paul's Anglican Church building were carried out during the first half of the 20th century. Very few such windows marking an individual's participation in the Boer War now exist in Australia.

Inspired by the window's poignant dedication and unique iconography, archaeologist Maxine Boyd is presently undertaking research into the origins and manufacture of the window, along with answering questions regarding its connection to Euroa's local community and social history. Maxine and colleague, Lynne Dore will endeavour to unearth the history behind John Charlton and his memorial, and would welcome assistance from the residents of the Strathbogie Shire and elsewhere, in their research.

Importantly, they would like to make contact with any living descendants of John, obtain photographs and documents relating to his family and life prior to enlisting in the Victorian 5th (Mounted Rifles) Contingent, as well as any material relating to the installation and/or dedication of the memorial window at St. Paul's in 1903.

If you can help please contact-Maxine Boyd, 5968 9369 maxleeboyd@gmail.com or Lynne Dore (Tel.) 57871278.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week

Oliver

For great group work all week-cooperating and working well with others. Well done!



School Council: Congratulations to Maree Gilbert & Cindy Hayes who have successfully nominated for School Council. We are very fortunate to have a group of parents who are willing to volunteer their time for our school. There are positions still available on the Finance and Physical Resources sub-committee. We meet once a month on a Monday afternoon at 3.30pm to discuss the resources of our school. If you are interested please let me know. The first School-Council meeting will be on Monday 24th February at 5.30pm. Office bearers will be elected at this meeting.
By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS



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LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

HCCC Landcare Meeting

Friday 21st February

at The Ruffy Store

All Welcome

Contact Janet 5790 4268

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Highlands— Scott McKay **5796 9259**

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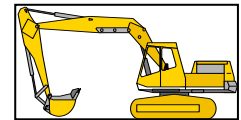
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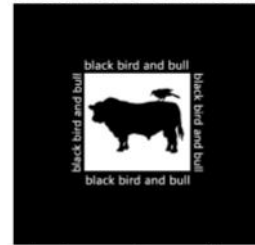
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Classifieds & Community Notices

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Heatwave Habitat !



Scattered Paddock Trees are a critically important type of remnant vegetation in our landscape. Most of the tree cover in our agricultural areas comprises old remnant Paddock Trees and these trees typically predate European settlement.

Due to current farm management practises there is a high risk of large areas being devoid of paddock trees within the next 20 years.

Our Landcare group aims to address this urgent problem by demonstrating how to prevent premature decline and death of trees in rural landscapes across the Hughes Creek Catchment.

Extended heat wave conditions with record high temperatures this year have highlighted the importance of paddock trees as wildlife refuges and their shade is critical for stock health. Their value in an agricultural landscape is underrated and Landcare hope to educate farmers on the importance of protection and assist with new plantings in the paddocks to ensure paddock trees are available for the next generation of farmers.

Contact Janet if you are interested 5790 4268



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

HiArts IS HAVING A REST !



As has been intimated previously there will be no HiArts Exhibition next month.

The Committee has decided to take a rest (some of us are not getting any younger), to give us a chance to reflect on where we go next as a community art organisation.

We have a number of ideas in the pipeline but would certainly welcome suggestions from the community as well as folk who might like to be part of HiArts.

As is our custom, HiArts gave cash prizes to the top senior art student from both Seymour College and Yea Secondary College at the end of 2013.

Jasmin Hinds won the prize for Seymour and **Kate McMaster** for Yea.

Those people who visited the Highlands Hall during the Yea Carnivale would have seen some very impressive samples of their work alongside the work of our local artists.

We will continue to update the progress of our reflections and look forward to a new look for HiArts.

Stuart Reid
5796 9358 kadumbia@mac.com

NEWS from the Ruffy Produce Store

On Friday 21st Feb there will be no Dinner available as both Helen & Freya are taking a break.

Doug will do a BBQ for the Landcare Meeting and the bar will be open as usual for all patrons.

NOW the GOOD News.....

Sunday March 9th 4pm—8pm
Live Music by "The Hairy Lassos"
Mexican Menu—Small Plates
Outside Bar

Bookings a Good Idea
Contact Helen 5790 4387

You are invited to a...

Community Fireguard Refresher

To be held at the Highlands Hall
Saturday 22nd Feb 1.00pm-2.30pm

A trained CFG facilitator will be there to meet with you.
Come along and meet with other CFG members and be updated with current information.

Tea & Coffee will be provided

Enquiries to Andrea Whitaker
0417369225
or Linda Harrington 0409 415909



TABLELANDS CRICKET CALENDAR 2014

Saturday 8th March
Highlands/Ruffy Combine
vs Maygar's Hill Winery
At Ruffy Cricket Ground
Then Dinner at Ruffy Store

Saturday 22nd 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



THE SEARCH FOR THE PERCH

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR FEB/MARCH 2014



CFA ROSTERS
W/C Feb 16th

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe..... Driver: Jarrod Coysh Assistant: Michael Greer
- Ruffy 1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team
- Terip Terip..... 2nd Lieutenant Ken Richard's Team

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER

W/C 17th Feb Alec & Marion Rowan-Brad Kellett & Katie Wright—Around Clubhouse & all four courts
W/C 10th Mar Sue Martin—Andrew Holloway & Tim Andrews—Car Park & all four courts

Wednesday 19th February 8:00pm

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Road, Ruffy
 Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everyone is Welcome. **For further information Contact Justus Hagen, President, 5790 4268**

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**



Saturday 22nd 8:00pm & Sunday 23rd Feb 4:00pm

EUROA CINEMA "American Hustle" 129 mins (M) Crime Drama *** 3.5 stars
 American Hustle tells the story of a brilliant con man, Irving Rosenfeld, who along with his equally cunning and seductive partner Sydney Prosser, is forced to work for a wild, arrogantly ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso. They are enticed into trapping white collar criminals; pushed into a world of powerbrokers - and the mafia which is as dangerous as it is enchanting....hinging on raw emotion, and life and death stakes! Starring Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper

Sunday 23rd February 11:15am

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 further information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233**

Tuesday 25th February 7:30pm

TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE—Committee Meeting at Terip Terip Recreation Reserve
 All are welcome to come along to help plan events and jobs for the year ahead for the Recreation Reserve. **Any queries, please call Andrew Holloway (Secretary) on 5790 4080**

Thursday 27th February 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

Friday 28th February 6:30pm

ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek
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Saturday 8th March Time TBA



HIGHLANDS/RUFFY vs MAYGAR'S HILL WINERY—FAMILY CRICKET MATCH at the RCG
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Sunday 9th March 11:15am

St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip
 The service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our Minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. **For any information Contact Jennifer Penny on 5790 4233**

Monday 10th March 9am-2pm



SEYMOUR LABOUR DAY BUSH MARKET Goulburn Park, Seymour
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Saturday 29th March 2014

HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLSHED DANCE at Habbies Howe, Dropmore Road Highlands
SAVE THE DATE more information coming soon



Sunday 30th March 4:00pm



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