



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

HUGHES CREEK OILS...aren't Oils

An oil-like film spotted on some sections of the Hughes Creek's surface earlier this month was caused by the breakdown of organic matter and is not cause for concern, says Goulburn Broken Waterwatch co-ordinator Kirsten Hogan.

Ms Hogan said a local landholder had recently reported sighting oil films around and below the Avenel gauging stations along Tarcombe Road.



Oilly film on the Hughes Creek

"The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) asked me to investigate after a local resident brought in a photo, showing an oil-like film on the water's surface," Ms Hogan said.

"Water samples have been taken and the tests performed showed no results of concern. The dark overall colour of the water is associated with tannins leached from organic matter, which has built up in the shallow, slow moving waters of the Hughes Creek."

Ms Hogan said observations of "small fish near death" was likely attributed to low dissolved oxygen (DO) levels caused by low or no flow in the creek at the time.

"Since the report water levels have risen and the creek has begun to flow again, so it would be expected oxygen levels have improved," she said. "Oxygen is transferred to the water from the atmosphere and occurs at a much greater rate in flowing water than in still water."

Ms Hogan said the Goulburn Broken CMA was interested in the water quality data that Waterwatch collected along Hughes Creek.

"The data provides valuable information on the effectiveness of the Goulburn Broken CMA's Hughes Creek Project, which aims to enhance and extend suitable habitat and, ideally, the range of the Macquarie Perch population within the creek," she said.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Bridie



For overcoming her fears to perform at the Autumn Fest on the weekend. Well done!

Yea Autumn Fest: What a fantastic turn up! We had 12 students join with Yea PS students



By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

"As a threatened species, Macquarie Perch is the main focus of the project, however the likely habitat enhancement activities to be undertaken will benefit all aquatic and terrestrial species that use the waterway."

Ms Hogan encouraged anyone interested in the health of their local waterway to join Waterwatch. *"It's quite straight forward and only involves taking some simple field tests about once a month," she said.*

"I am happy to provide all training, equipment and support."

For more information on Waterwatch, contact Kirsten 0439 334557

or email montaction@iinet.com.au.

For more information on the Hughes Creek Project, contact Christine Glassford on 5736 0100 or email

christineg@gbcm.vic.gov.au

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Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

LOCAL GOINGS ON

Highlands Community Hall WORKING BEE Saturday 12th April



Thanks to all who came to help at our working bee on Saturday 15th March when we got a lot done, but we need to complete the work.

Please come along & help us finish the jobs we started. Bring appropriate tools for painting, plumbing & gardening & join us on Saturday 12th April at 9am & a BBQ lunch at midday.

For more information contact
Judy Cameron 5796 9247
or Judy Reid 5796 9358

Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc. (Ruffy Community Hall)

Notice is given of a
PUBLIC MEETING to be held at the
Ruffy Hall on Monday 7th April 2014
commencing at 8 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve for a term of 3 years.

The current committee's term will expire on 22nd April 2014. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment and Primary Industries office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries contact the
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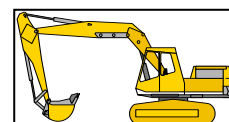
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

EXCITING NEWS from Terip Terip Tennis Club !

Together with the Terip Recreation Reserve, we were extremely pleased late in 2013 to learn that we had been awarded a grant to restore and resurface our three tennis courts with artificial grass.

The project will take place later this year and we are very excited about it.

To assist with the cost of this project we have planned some fundraising activities that we hope the community will enjoy and support.

A Bingo night will be held in early April, this is a great family night with prizes awarded for each round.

On Easter Saturday we will be holding a home cooking/produce stall at the Euroa Farmers Market. Please come along and see us for some great treats or if you are willing to donate some cooking we would be very grateful.

***Friday April 4th – 7.30pm BINGO!!! @ Terip Recreation Reserve.
(Please see calendar for more details)**

***Saturday April 19th– 9am-1pm Stall @ Euroa Farmers Market**

Later in May we are planning a card/games night at the clubhouse and in the Spring time we will be organising a **'Walk in the Gardens of Terip'**.

These dates will be advised as soon as possible.

We are also contemplating a major fundraiser over the next 12 months which would be to produce a cookbook full of recipes from the great cooks in the community.

We would appreciate any feedback/ideas that could assist us with this project.

Contact Cindy Hayes 5790 4226 or Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262



There's a new radio show on Seymour FM every Friday at 11 and repeated on Sundays at noon all about local, ethical food.

It's called the food eXchange

Many Granite News readers may not be in the broadcast area of Seymour FM 103.9MHz however you can also listen live via www.seymourfm.com.au or via TuneIn so you can take your radio with you anywhere you go using your smartphone or device.

A website listing local produce has also been created and Granite News readers are encouraged to take a look and join in the local food conversation. www.exchangefood.org. The website also contains links to the radio show and podcast so you don't even need to listen live.

For more information contact **Cynthia 0403 831 540** or **Jacqui 0402 757 257** or email exchangefood@gmail.com

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W/C 14th Apr Craig & Jenny Murphy—Neville & Sue Debney—Around Clubhouse & All Four Courts



MARCH is RED CROSS CALLING MONTH

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Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

This will be our 75th Year in the Euroa community and "100Years of Red Cross in Australia"

Thank You for your continued support, from Olga and Jan

**Sunday 23rd
March 10:30am**

HIGHLAND RAMBLERS



Meet at Highlands Hall at 10:30am
Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504

**Thursday 27th
March to**

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**Thursday 27th
March 5:30pm**

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS

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**Friday 28th
March
6:30pm**

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**Saturday 29th
March
6:30pm**

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at Habbies Howe, Dropmore Rd Highlands



Music & Dancing—Raffles & Auctions—Steak, Schnitzels, Sausage & Salad Dinner

Tickets—\$20 Adult-\$10 Under 8yrs. Bookings Essential.

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**Saturday 29th
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Sunday 30th March
4:00pm**

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**Sunday 30th
March
11:15am**

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For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233

**Sunday 30th
March
4:00pm**

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**Friday 4th
April
6:30 for 7pm**

YEA WETLANDS DINNER

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**Friday 4th
April
7:30pm**

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**Sunday 6th
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**Saturday 19th
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**Saturday 19th
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Please come along and buy some of our delicious treats or we would appreciate any donations.

Contact Cindy 5790 4226 or Frances 0427 904 262

