



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS of BIODIVERSITY - By Janet Hagen

SHADE — Heat stress can markedly reduce stock fertility, milk production and weight gain, and increases mortality of calves and sheep.

* Heat stress may cause abortion and certainly causes calves to be born undersized and consequently more susceptible to heat stress.

* Cows resting in the shade continue to chew their cud whereas cows in the hot sun abstain. Because rumination increases the heat produced by the body, heat-stressed stock abstain from eating so as to reduce metabolic heat production.

After drinking and grazing, chewing cud is the third most important activity of cattle, so abstaining directly affects productivity.



PASTURE GROWTH — Sheltered pastures lose 12mm of water less than open pastures during the spring growing season in NSW.

* Protected parts of the farm have an estimated 20% increase in average annual pasture growth.

* Gross value of pasture output is at its highest level when the proportion of tree area across a foxy farm is at 34%.

* Lighter stocking rates on native grasslands showed benefits in terms of improved livestock performance, reduced drought costs and changed farm overhead costs. On farm benefits are expected to almost outweigh the direct effect of the reduction in sheep numbers.

Janet Hagen is the Co-ordinator of the HCCC Landcare Group



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WASP NESTS

I found this unusual wasp nest on the side of our house.



We've had mud nests before but never one with a trumpet and unfortunately we didn't see the wasp building it.

It led me to try and find out a bit about Australian wasps and I was surprised at the many varieties there are, and the different nesting habits.

Most are solitary, and as well as mud nests there are species that make burrows or form galls on plants, or lay their eggs inside a prey species such as a caterpillar.

There are even cuckoo wasps which lay their eggs in mud wasp's nests.

Mud wasps have multiple sealed chambers in each nest, with a dead or paralysed prey item in each chamber for the wasp larva to feed on when it hatches. My best guess at identifying the trumpet-builder is *Abispa splendida*, but I wouldn't put money on it.

Paper wasps nest communally and we had one on our verandah a couple of years ago.



The nests are made of chewed up plant matter and usually hang from a stalk, a bit like an upside-down mushroom. Often there is only one breeding queen in the hive, a bit like bees.

Wasps are useful in pollinating, and also for controlling caterpillars and pest insects. In many species the adults feed on nectar but catch prey to feed their young.

Some of the Aussie wasps do have a painful sting but I don't think they're dangerous like the European wasp.

By Louise Currie



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

The Granite News EASTER BREAK

We're taking a one week break for Easter, so there will be no **TGN** next week, Sunday April 20th.

The Granite News will resume with Issue 14 on Sunday April 27th.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



St David's Uniting Church Terip - Ruffy

At this special service on Sunday 30 March a great display of non perishable items were thankfully received. It was decided that they will be brought to St Vincent de Paul, Euroa, for distribution to the many families in need. What a great example of how churches work together!



THANK YOU

The Terip Tennis Club held its Bingo Night last Friday night and it was a very enjoyable and successful night. Thankyou to the wonderful members of Terip and the wider community that attended.

Our next fundraiser for the new tennis courts will be a home cooking/produce stall at the **Euroa Farmers Market on Saturday April 19 from 9am - 1pm.**

We welcome any donations and these can be dropped at the Terip Recreation Reserve from 4pm - 5pm on Good Friday or for alternate arrangements please

**Contact Cindy 5790 4226
or Frances 0427 904 262**

BIRTH NOTICE

Peter and Susan are proud to announce the safe arrival of B1 and B2 more formally known as Milly April Krickic 6lbs and Hayley Marie Krickic 7.3lbs Born 9/4/14 at Mercy Hospital. **Mum and bubs are doing very well.**

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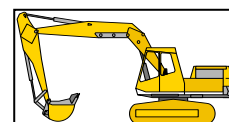
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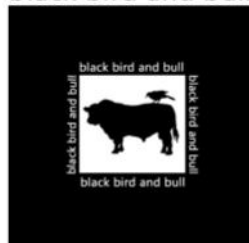


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ROCKS RUFFY

EASTER SATURDAY 19th April

6.00pm– 11.30pm Tablelands Community Centre 27 Nolans Rd Ruffy

Admission: Adults \$20.00 Children under 12 free

Food Available – BYO Drinks

Info & Ticket Sales —Contact John Goodwin— 5790 4161/ 0427 535 625

This is a Tablelands Community Centre Fundraiser

ANZAC DAY Friday April 25th

"True Lies"

performing at

Rocky Passes Estate



Serving Parillada Argentina (Argentinian BBQ)

from 1:00pm.....Music starts at 2:00pm

\$40 food and music

Bookings essential Call 5796 9366

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Brave Goose Vineyard Open Day

Please join us for a day of wine tasting, live music, and delicious ploughmans platters, prepared by Ruffy Store, in our garden at Glendoxey Homestead



Sunday April 27th 11am - 4pm

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ROSTER**

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

W/C 21st Apr Scott Rowan & Hayley—Rachel Brown & Chris Hewison—Car Park & All Four Courts

**Sunday 13th
April
11:15am**

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY

Ruffy Road, Terip Terip

TODAY !

This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill.
All welcome.

For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233

**Saturday 19th
April
9am-1pm**

EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa

"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.

Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au

**Saturday 19th
April
9am-1pm**

TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB are holding a home cooking/produce stall at the Euroa Farmers Market.

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

**Easter Saturday
April 19th
6:00pm-11:30pm**

RUCKUS ROCKS RUFFY

At the Tablelands Community Centre

FOOT STOMPIN'-COUNTRY ROCKIN'-FAMILY FUN

Tickets \$20—Kids Under 12 Free

Food Available—BYO Drinks

For Tickets Contact John 5790 4161

**Saturday 19th
8:00pm
Sunday 20th
April 4:00pm**

EUROA CINEMA

"Frozen"

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**Sunday 20th
April
9:30am EUROA**

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY

Please note that there won't be an Easter Service at our church here, but you are invited to join the **Uniting Church in Euroa**, Kirkland Avenue for this Easter Sunday Service.

For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233

**Thursday 24th
April
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 25th
April
1:00pm**

ROCKY PASSES ESTATE

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**Friday 25th
April
7:00pm**

RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road

"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"

BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share

Contact Henry 5790 4246

**Sunday 27th
April
10:30am**

HIGHLAND RAMBLERS

Meet at Highlands Hall 10.30 am.

For more info, contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 mlcurrie@bigpond.com

**Sunday 27th
April
9:30am
EUROA**

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY.

Please note that we are invited to join a special service at the **Uniting Church in Euroa**, Kirkland Avenue. The guest speaker will be Erica Myers-Davis who will be sharing information about the work of Prahran Mission. All welcome.

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**Sunday 27th
April
11:00am-4pm**

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**Friday 2nd
May
7:30pm**

HCCC LANDCARE MEETING

Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Rd., Ruffy

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Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

**Saturday 3rd
May
9am-2pm**

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**Saturday 10th
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11.30am**

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**Monday 19th
May
8:00pm**

RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road

Quarterly committee meeting and all Welcome.

Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329