



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Yellow-box

Eucalyptus melliodora

The Yellow box is a very valuable paddock tree as it is long lived (given the right conditions), is of high value to our native fauna who shelter within it, is a good shade tree as well as its flowers being a source for a much loved variety of honey.



Eucalyptus melliodora

It grows mainly on gently undulating country, and is generally considered to be an indication of good quality soil. The timber is quite dense and heavy, which makes it ideal for firewood, fencing construction and is becoming popular as timber for furniture. Yellow box also regenerates well after fire.

Family: Myrtaceae

Height: 15-30 metres

Lifespan: Up to 200-300 years given the right conditions.

Growth rate: Slow to moderate

Soil preferred: Sandy or Loamy

Appearance: Flaky light yellow/brown bark that becomes shaggy and darker with age

Flowers: Small creamy white flowers from September to February

Info: www.abc.net.au,
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

By Simone Ulstrup

FARM TREES, WIND VELOCITY & FIRE

By Lesley Dalziel

Lowering Wind Velocity

Scattered trees and windbreaks can lower velocity of the wind, thereby slowing the drying of pastures.

A speaker at Whiteheads Creek told us many years ago that 20% tree cover will not lower output of the farm at all.

He was a farmer from the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, and a CSIRO scientist. (if I remember correctly).

Shelter belts of trees, by lowering wind velocity have saved many farms and outbuildings when the fire has come across paddocks.

Property Values

Bart O'Sullivan a real estate salesman and farmer in Seymour among other things told me once that properties with trees always sell quicker and better.

Fire and Trees

Dr Rod Bird OAM, delivered a paper on trees and fires in 2009 following Black Saturday. Here is a small excerpt.

The evidence that trees reduce windspeed (and thus fire speed) was once well known. Windspeed is reduced to windward and to lee depending on the structure of the belt.

In severe fire situations (strong winds and high temperature in summer) nothing else is as effective as a shelterbelt in stopping a fire in open country.

From past experience in western Victoria a ploughed break 70 m wide or a bare paddock has proved useless.

Trees can be of assistance in controlling a grassfire (fire speed is governed largely by windspeed and fuel load) and in protecting an area to the lee. From observations in other fires, the fire may creep in from the head and sides later but livestock sheltering in such areas walked out unscathed onto burned ground.

Trees of a lower flammability (e.g. Blackwoods and Black Wattles) can also be selected and that will reduce – but not eliminate – the problem.

A copy of Dr Bird's paper is available through The Granite News



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NEXT HCCC LANDCARE MEETING

FRIDAY MAY 2nd 7:30pm
Tablelands Community Centre, RUFFY

With Special Guest Speaker
Ass Prof. David Cheal discussing the effects of fire in our Landscape

Everybody is Welcome
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



End of Season Meeting & AGM
(Election of Office Bearers)

Saturday 31st May

11am at Highlands Fire Shed

Followed by a BBQ--BYO Drinks

Everyone welcome

(new residents encouraged)

Contact Les Lawson 5796 9265

Alistair Lade 5796 9276

WANTED WANTED WANTED

A copy of Helen McCall's work, "Highlands - 1882-1982"

I have written a history of our Chisholm family from Strathglass in Scotland. The family eventually settled at Fernside, Kobyboyn and many relatives settled in Highlands and some in Ruffy.

I have been trying to source a copy of Helen McCall's work, "Highlands - 1882-1982" which is out of print. Perhaps a Granite News reader has a copy they no longer require or who may be willing to sell it.

If you can help, please contact Peter Chisholm peterchis3145@gmail.com or editor@tgn.org.au



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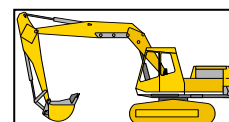
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

HANNIE RAYSON in Highlands Conversations

The first lady of the Australian Stage, playwright Hannie Rayson wends her way up to Highlands for a community conversation

Hannie Rayson-playwright ("Life after George", "Hotel Sorrento" and 10 more), screenwriter (some episodes of "Seachange"), columnist, and memoirist comes to Highlands Gallery for an intimate and informal conversation about her work, motivations and her dreams & schemes. This is a first: for Hannie and for her collaborator Bruno Lettieri, of Victoria University's Rotunda in the West 'Conversations with Australian Writers'.

Michael Leunig, Raimond Gaita, Helen Garner, Cate Kennedy and many more have humbly graced the Rotunda stage. The writers love the down-to-earth audience that turns up on a monthly basis. Hannie Rayson of course features annually at Rotunda and is part of the very soul of the whole enterprise.

It was Hannie Rayson's wit, warmth and unpretentiousness that caught the heart of local *Margie McAlpin* who rolls into Rotunda-land to soak up the conversations. It was spontaneously decided that Rotunda and Rayson should bring the conversation to Highlands.

Where: Dennis Spiteri's Hillcrest Gallery 6020 Old Highlands Road, Highlands.

When: Saturday 10th May at 11.30am

Cost: \$15 entrance to the conversation and \$20 for lunch at the Highlands Hall. Highlands Primary School will cater for lunch, with profits supporting our local school. Local wines from Antcliff's Chase will be available.

RSVP: Bruno.Lettieri@vu.edu.au by May 1st.

LOCAL GARDENING WORKSHOPS

The Tablelands Community Centre at RUFFY is running a series of Landscaping/Gardening workshops

* Starting on May 2nd with a trip to the Cranbourne Gardens to gather ideas and see how native plants can be utilised in a garden setting to replace older non native plants that no longer cope with our climatic conditions.

* The second workshop in the series to be held on the 13th May will be with a professional landscape designer who will take us through how to bring your ideas together to develop a balanced garden.

* The third workshop will bring everything together into a plan and learn about our own local native plants.

* The last workshop will take you through how to take cuttings and seed propagation of native plants.

Bookings & further info Contact Helen 5790 4387 or Fiona 5790 4369



"The Sunshine Stumps" Riverine Club v The Wilderness—Stanley 2014



I'm convinced that the restoration of regal title was rushed through to elevate Tash Gramlick to Dame-hood after her sterling effort of recruiting 4 players in the 36 hours prior to the game as others fell by the wayside. Without her there would have been no game and she was presented after the game with one of my balls (There is a picture on Facebook to prove it!)

The Wilderness fielded a youthful team with a 12 & 14 year old and when you add in Alan Jarrott's immaturity you get a pretty low average figure. Against an aged and experienced Riverine side the younger Wilderness members carried us to an honourable shellacking!

Andrew Scott from the Riverine side would be an Australian representative if sledging was an international sport, however he was by his own admission sledged into submission by the mouth from Moyhu, (surname of Jarrott) who didn't let up from the moment he arrived on Saturday until departing on Sunday. However, he also walked the walk holding the bat together with 43 runs.

The surprise packet was 12 year old Kane Murray the Booroola batsman (10) who could also bowl (2-20 off 5 overs).

He provided the highlight of the day when he attempted a switch hit off his first ball and promptly pulled the predictable bouncer with his next shot. He along with 14 year old Jayden McDowell (1-13 off 4 overs) Peter Gramlick (0-5) and Brent Kelly (an exceptional 0-20 off 5 overs) provided many fielding highlights, catching & stopping everything that came their way, which was a fair bit because the rest of us resembled traffic cones.

Fraser Welch did his selection as a batsman in the next game no harm, and fortunately for us it will be with the opposition. His style of bowling is also suited to the opposition, as is his understanding of competitive spirit. He was still incredulous on Sunday morning about when he asked Alan Arthur to gift him a caught and bowled, "the man of steel" belted him to the fence.

Last year's ringer and match winner Peter Kelly was out to the nude ball (nothing on it) and then separated his bicep from his elbow while wicket-keeping. His keeping standard didn't get any worse. Incensed by the loss, he is threatening to bring an extra son for next year. (footnote: depends on success of operation!).

Tom didn't get within a McCooey of a ball and went cheaply, but he bowled well in the 1st innings and kept as well as the one armed man did in the second.

Your Correspondent proved he is not a 20/20 batsman as he tried to nurse the tail; he also had to nurse his knees, back and his bruised ego (after a howler of a dropped catch, which has him questioning his temperance) and holed out for 29.

Warwick Carter (10 runs and 0-16 and no injuries) made a successful comeback.

Best for the Riverine was just about everyone and they've returned across the creek with bragging rights for the next 12 months.

A very enjoyable evening was held at the Beechworth Brewery where the incontrovertible law of the restaurant bill was broken when the collection of the cash from all 33 participants exceeded the sum of the bill! (So I blew it on breakfast the next morning).

High point of the weekend would have to be the Led Zeppelin tribute band and their followers at the pub next door. Wearing more metal than BHP and enough ink to fill an HP LaserJet many times, it encouraged most to be home before they regretted it the next morning.

The Mayor of Beechworth has asked me to sincerely thank all the husbands for bringing their wives and or girlfriends - making this the town's most financially successful weekend in recent history.

By Scott McKay



**The Spectacularly Unsuccessful 2014
Wilderness Cricket Team**

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR APRIL/MAY 2014

CFA ROSTERS W/C April 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terip Terip..... Captain Geoff Penny's Team
TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	<p>W/C 28th Apr Geoff & Jan Penny—Lachy & Kerry Thomas—Both sides of Springs Road & All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 5th May Chris & Helen Bradbury—Brian & Gail Van Rooyen—Around Clubhouse & All Four Courts</p>
Sunday 27th April 10:30am	<p>HIGHLAND RAMBLERS Meet at Highlands Hall 10.30 am.</p> <p>For more info, contact Louise Currie 9437 1504 mlcurrie@bigpond.com TODAY !</p>
Sunday 27th April 9:30am EUROA	<p>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY.</p> <p>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. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233 TODAY !</p>
Sunday 27th April 11:00am-4pm	<p>BRAVE GOOSE VINEYARD 8803 Goulburn Valley Hwy, Whiteheads Creek TODAY !</p> <p>A day of Wine tasting, Live Music & Ploughman's Platters \$5 Entry, Free Wine Tasting, Ploughman's Platters \$20 Contact Nina Stocker 0417 553225 ninastocker@hotmail.com</p>
Friday 2nd May 8:00am	<p>CRANBOURNE GARDENS—"Plants for Your Place Tour" Bus Leaves from Ruffy Produce Store 8:00am Sharp ! \$60 per person includes return bus from Ruffy, lunch and guided tour. Limited seats available, tickets at Ruffy Store This tour is the start of The Tablelands Community Centre Landscaping/Gardening Workshop Series For Bookings & further information Contact Helen 5790 4387 or Fiona 5790 4369</p>
Friday 2nd May 7:30pm	<p>HCCC LANDCARE MEETING Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>Monthly Landcare Meeting. Guest Speaker will be Associate Professor David Cheal discussing the effects of fire in our landscape. Everybody is Welcome. Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</p>
Saturday 3rd 8:00pm Sunday 4th May 4:00pm	<p>EUROA CINEMA "Dallas Buyers Club" 117 mins (MA) **** 4 stars</p> <p>Based on a true story - Matthew McConaughey plays a part time rodeo rider – a hard-drinking, drug taking, womanising bigot! Following an accident he finds himself diagnosed as HIV positive which he refuses to believe. He makes arrangements to obtain the drug AZT and when supplies dry up, he imports alternative drugs from Mexico which then becomes a business where he creates a 'buyers club' for others who desperately need life-saving drugs. <i>McConaughey won the Best Actor award for his performance in this movie</i></p>
Saturday 3rd May 9am-2pm	<p>YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea</p> <p>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</p>
Wednesday 7th May 7:30pm	<p>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Ruffy Public Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy</p> <p>Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to hear about activities since February and to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everyone is Welcome. Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268</p>
Saturday 10th May 11.30am	<p>DENNIS SPITERI'S HILLCREST GALLERY & STUDIO Old Highlands Rd., Highlands</p> <p>"Hannie Rayson and Bruno Lettieri in Highlands Conversations", Lunch & a Glass or two of Antcliff's Chase Wine ! Gallery Entrance Fee \$15, Lunch \$20pp. Bookings Essential. Contact Bruno.Lettieri@vu.edu.au before May 1st</p>
Sunday 11th May 11:15am	<p>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip</p> <p>On Mothers Day we invite you to a Morning Tea at the Church Hall at 10.30am, which will be followed by the service with Holy Communion conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome Contact Jennifer Penny 57904233</p>
Monday 12th May 7:30pm	<p>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)</p> <p>Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Ros Goodwin 5790 4161</p>
Saturday 17th May 9am-1pm	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</p> <p>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</p>
Monday 19th May 8:00pm	<p>RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road</p> <p>Quarterly committee meeting and All Welcome. Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</p>
Friday 23rd May 7:00pm	<p>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road</p> <p>"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</p>
Saturday 24th May 7:00pm	<p>BRAVE GOOSE VINEYARD — DINNER Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>Ruffy Store & Brave Goose Vineyard invite you to a Shared Table Dinner. Featuring wines by winemaker Nina Stocker. \$60 pp. Bookings Essential Contact Helen 5790 4387 store@ruffy.com.au</p>
Thursday 29th May 5:30pm	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat</p> <p>Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks</p>
Friday 30th May 6:30pm	<p>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek</p> <p>The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au</p>