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WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

NEST BOXES for WILDLIFE

The Nest Box project was conceived to enhance habitat in the district for arboreal mammals, that is those that live in tree hollows.

Some of the very special animals still sharing our landscape with us are Sugar and Squirrel Gilders and Brush Tailed Phascogales.

They need hollows to live in and also need understorey wattles in particular as well as old trees.

To help them, the group has installed nest boxes along Lambing Gully Road, and also has planted trees and understorey where there were significant gaps in the linear corridor.

North South corridors are very important to wildlife as they are climate sensitive and the weather is warming.



Ray Thomas will be familiar to many readers. Ray has kindly agreed to come down and share some stories. He has many years' experience in conservation having run a highly successful nest box project in the Lurg Hills.

In 2009 Ray was awarded the 'Conservationist of the Year' award by the Australian Geographic Society, in recognition of his 20 years of work on the Regent Honeyeater Project.

Under his watch, the project has become one of the most active volunteer conservation projects in the nation, involving roughly 28,000 volunteers, planted more than 500,000 trees & shrubs, rehabilitated more than 1450 ha of farm land, brought 15 rare birds back from the brink of local extinction and installed 400 nest boxes.

Whiteheads Creek Landcare group is hosting a **Nest Boxes for Wildlife** day.

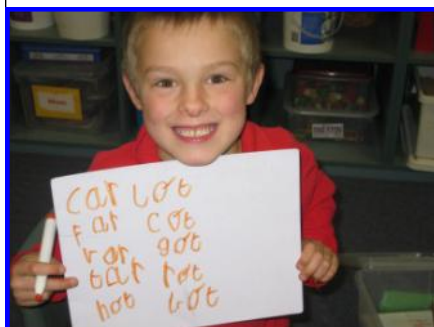
See attached 'flyer' for details

By
Lesley Dalziel



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Ezekiel



For great work with letters, sounds
and words. Well done!

Mavis: We are all very saddened to hear of Mavis's passing last Friday evening. We all have very fond memories of Mavis coming to school to listen to reading and her amazing 'Mother Christmas' gifts at the end of each year. Mavis loved all the students, always showing an interest in them. Even when she wasn't well enough to come to school she stayed in touch via email. Our sympathies go to Don and Mavis's family.

I will represent the school at Monday's memorial service for Mavis.

By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

Terip Tennis Club Tupperware Party



Terip Tennis club is conducting a number of fundraising events over the coming months to raise funds to support the court resurfacing project. One such event is a good old fashion
TUPPERWARE PARTY.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the Granite News reading area to attend the Tupperware Party in Euroa on June 20th.

There will be Tupperware cooking demonstrations, lucky door prizes, raffle and lots of new products to look at, test and buy.

\$5 entry with a Terip Tennis club supper provided!!

See TGN 'What's On' Calendar Pg 4 or **Call Robyn or Kendall 0407358191** for details or a Tupperware Catalogue
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WELCOME to ISSUE 19 2014
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READERS' WRITES

"What process did Strathbogie Shire go through to obtain permission from DEPI to clear roadsides within 3kms of the Ruffy Recreation Ground?"

What were the conditions of this permit? Any offsets?

Is DEPI monitoring the results?

Do the establishment of 'Community Safer Places' over-ride existing regulations?"

—Janet Hagen, Ruffy

"Unfortunately I was not able to attend the community meetings for proposed Strawberry fields Doof information. I am feeling awkward and afraid to speak up. Because this proposal may be polarizing. All my research thus far has convinced me that this event's drug usage is extreme.

My particular concern is the use of ice. As I have witnessed the devastating effects.

I understand that there is the big carrot of potentially \$30k for the community. Sometimes easy money can be very expensive. If it were an arms expo would we as a community be lured by the carrot?

I'm not sure how I could sit with the knowledge my son's education would be paid by supporting the multinational drug conglomerate.

Do we as a community truly understand what we are potentially condoning?"

—Leone Gabrielle

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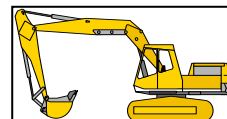
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

'ANDY' WILSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY — CELEBRATED IN STYLE

On Saturday 17th May Irene (Andy) Wilson from Ruffy (Godolphin) celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the Ruffy Produce Store. Andy was able to welcome her son Eric Jamieson from NSW and her brother from WA as well her other three children Robert Jamieson, Jean Jansen and Dot Petersen.

Andy was born in Carlton Victoria on the 21 May 1924, but as a child lived in Albany Western Australia. She was the eldest of three children. Hazel Anderson, her mother, died when Andy was only 12 years old. After her mother died she was fostered by her Aunt.

At 18 she left Western Australia and joined the Air Force. Andy became an Instrument Mechanic and was based at various places around Victoria, including Sale where she met her first husband, Phil Jamieson.



Jean Jansen delivers the Congratulatory Speech

Andy always suspected that she might have a brother, as on one occasion she overheard a conversation between family members and they referred to "Ray". Her determination to find him saw her first leave pass from the Air force used to head to WA to try to find her brother. After much investigation and searching she finally found that her brother had been made a ward of the state. Support and contact saw the brother and sister reunited and they have stayed the best of friends.

After almost 40 years of married life and living in Swan Hill Andy received a phone call one day from her brother Ray telling her that they had a sister.

Through the Jigsaw program a third sibling "Laurie" who was living in Sydney had traced a brother and a sister.

Jigsaw made contact to ask if they were interested in meeting their sister. This child was adopted just after birth to a family who eventually lived in Sydney. Laurie and Andy met for the first time about 30 years ago on a very hot January day in Swan Hill. Laurie and her husband Jo travelled to Swan Hill from their home in Sydney and the joy of finding a sister was very evident.

The three siblings Irene, Ray and Laurie finally all met in Sydney and had a few days together to catch up on a life time of missed family life. There have been various visits over the years and they are still in constant contact. An amazing bond between three siblings with such a challenging start to their life as a family.



Andy Wilson surrounded by Family to celebrate her 90th Birthday at The Ruffy Store

At 71 Andy took on a new challenge married John Wilson and moved to Albury and a new life on the farm. She was a farm girl at heart and her happiness to get to go and live back on a farm was evident. Her subsequent move to Ruffy has seen the farm return to its original condition with chickens, foxy, pet lambs fish, the occasional visiting snake, possums, fruit trees and a vegetable garden that grows regular food for a lot of the Ruffy Community. She visits friends and neighbours on the Gator and before that the quad bike. She is the world's best Vet, as the baby lambs or calves that are orphaned or rejected are adopted by Andy and the paddocks have many animals that are alive due to her care. You often get one or two sheep run out of the mob for a pat.

Very few families experience the very sad circumstances that Andy, Ray and Laurie had, however Andy has become a strong advocate of family life and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are her joy. Andy and Phil had 5 children, Eric, Ellen (deceased), Jean, Dorothy and Robert. She has 12 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grand Children.

She mows all the lawns on her ride on mower and if you visit the farm you'll notice that the place is spick and span. Her kitchen is always neat and clean.

Not bad for a 90 year old.

By Jean Jansen

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Unidentified Austrian Philosopher

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JUNE 2014

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	W/C 23rd Jun Ken & Robyn Richards—Helen McKenzie Around Clubhouse & All Four Courts
NOW until Sunday 22nd June	'FAMILIAR GROUND' ART EXHIBITION at the Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd., Ruffy An exhibition of pastel works by Hurstbridge artist, Kylie Sirett. Free Viewing — Yummy Cake & Coffee are extra ! ON NOW !
Sunday 1st June 9:00am	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING BEE at the Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy We need to have a good old clean up before Winter. Bring your own tools & implements and we'll provide a BBQ Lunch Contact Phil Brown 5790 4218 TODAY !
Saturday 7th June 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 8th 8:00 pm Sunday 9th 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "The Invisible Woman" 111 mins (M) **** 3.5 stars This is yet another movie based on a true story. A sensitive insight into the secret affair between Charles Dickens and a young woman more than 20 years his junior. Dickens is married with nine children when he meets and falls in love with Nelly, his intellectual equal. The movie reveals the moral dilemma of this highly regarded and well recognised author, who in the 19 th century, has what we know now as 'celebrity status'. It reveals the shift in the value system and much of the romance is understated as it was in those times. Well directed and acted by Ralph Fiennes who plays Dickens, supported by Joanna Scanlan as his unfortunate wife, Felicity Jones as his lover Nelly, and Kristin Scott Thomas who plays Nelly's mother
Sunday 8th June 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Monday 9th June 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Ros 5790 4161
Friday 13th June 6:30pm	'DRINKS ON THE DECK' at Highlands Community Hall Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247
Friday 13th June 4:00pm	WHITEHEADS CREEK LANDCARE GROUP Nest-Boxes for Wildlife Project Seymour Bushland Park This is the latest event in our "Nest-boxes for Wildlife" project at Seymour Bushland Park, at the Telegraph Road entrance, starting at 4.00PM. This will be followed by a talk by Ray Thomas at 6.00PM at the Hall, Kobyboyn Road, Whiteheads Creek. All are welcome but please call to book to help with catering, as the talk will be preceded by a light meal of soup and buns, and will be followed by supper. Contact Carolyn 5792 4212
Saturday 14th June 10am-4:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE AUTUMN WORKSHOP Tablelands Community Centre— Nolans Rd Ruffy The Art of Pastels with exhibiting artist Kylie Sirett Suitable for all skill levels The cost is \$79 including all materials required for the day and morning tea on arrival. Lunch available at the Ruffy Store or BYO. Bookings essential by Monday 9 th June Contact Helen 5790 4387 store@ruffy.com.au
Saturday 14th June 8:30am	VICTORIAN UTILITY FARM DOG ASSOCIATION Ian Bates' Property, Alexandra Basic working dog training and introduction to yard dog trialling training day \$10 members \$50 Non Members BBQ Lunch provided For Directions & Further Info Contact Brian Leahy 0409 336654 Ian Bates 0418 367209
Friday 20th June 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
Friday 20th June 8:30pm	TERIP TENNIS CLUB FUNDRAISER Tupperware Party Euroa Community Education Centre You're invited to attend our good old fashioned the Tupperware Party. There will be Tupperware cooking demonstrations, lucky door prizes, raffle and lots of new products to look at, test and buy. \$5 entry with supper provided!! Contact Robyn or Kendall 0407 358191 or richards@4upskilling.com.au
Saturday 21st June 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 Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org
Sunday 22nd June 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. After the service you are invited to a simple lunch at the Church Hall, followed by an important meeting to decide on the future of the Terip-Ruffy Church. All welcome. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233
Thursday 26th June 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 27th June 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. Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au

