



## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### ENDANGERED SPECIES in RUFFY



*Phascogale tapoatafa*

One of the tools I often use for Landcare work is a website called Biodiversity Interactive Maps by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industry .

It's a good 'free to public' mapping site that can provide a great deal of information about any location you zoom in on. One of the layers is endangered species.

I clicked on Ruffy – Buntings Hill Rd.

This is what I found on the DEPI Map:

Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act lists the Brush-tailed Phascogale as endangered species.

Two animals recorded near the Ruffy area in 2012.

Close association with *Eucalyptus obliqua*, Messmate Gum.

By Janet Hagen

<b>TAXON ID:</b>	<b>11017</b>
Scientific Name	Phascogale tapoatafa
Common Name	Brush-tailed Phascogale
Number of Records	2
Year	2012
Taxon Type	Mammals
FFG Listing	Listed
DSE Advisory Listing	Vulnerable

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Student of the Week Will



**For sharing his excellent maths knowledge with others. Well done!**

**Zone Cross Country:** Congratulations to Jessica, Will and Lucia who represented HPS at the Zone Cross Country on Thursday, on a wet track. Thank you to their parents for taking them to the event and cheering them on.

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to Hamish McAlpin who cleaned the gutters and retrieved all the balls from the roof. Much appreciated Hamish, thank you.

By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

*"The scarcity of hollow-bearing trees is of particular concern for the conservation of the Brush-tailed Phascogale. The loss of hollow-bearing trees from Victorian native forests has been listed as a potentially threatening process on Schedule 3 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, largely because of the dependence of many vertebrates (including a number of rare species) on this habitat for shelter and nesting. The removal of 'dead and down' timber for firewood can decrease the value of otherwise suitable habitat for the Brush-tailed Phascogale and other hollow-dependant species, through loss of hollows and reduction in habitat for their invertebrate prey"*



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## READERS' WRITES

*"Our property shares the northern boundary of the Rover Scouts in Caveat.*

*I recall the Scouting movement applying for a permit to purchase approx 375 acres next door for their use to run different activities including a mud bash.*

*We fully supported the application. Some objections were received.*

*Too much noise, danger to road users, it will bring criminal activities into the area such as break-ins, car and property theft, introduction of drugs and associated activities to the area.*

***These things have not happened.***

*Does this ring a bell with complaints about the Strawberry Fields Festival? Natural reactions of self interest.*

*Rover Scouts have created a beautiful environment next door, including planting thousands of trees and over ten years run a well controlled and organised event.*

*The money from the Strawberry Fields Festival for the community, will give our children educational benefits and an understanding of the "real" world, working together socially at school, on camps and at intra-school activities."*—

**Lauris & Quentin Pritchard, Caveat**

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
January	18.8 mm	19 mm
February	13.2 mm	24 mm
March	63.2 mm	76 mm
April	89.9 mm	97 mm
May	90 mm	113.5 mm
<b>YTD</b>	<b>275.1 mm</b>	<b>329.5 mm</b>

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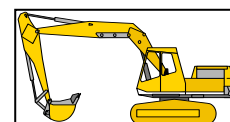
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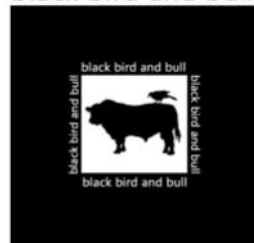


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## LOCAL GOINGS ON

### *SNAPPY YAPPERS aiming for HAPPY CLAPPERS !!*



YAPPERS (Yea Artistic Performing Persons Entertaining Rural Society) have a likely hit on their hands with their coming performances of Nunsense the universally acclaimed Broadway musical.

The YAPPERS front line of Deb Robinson, Debbie Leslie, Janine Harrison, Lou Fillmore and Lillian Moon are in full rehearsal mode with regular musical warm up sessions being held in the Yea Shire Hall.

They have substantial support from local musicians, the back stage theatre crew and sound experts for what will be five performances in the Yea Shire Hall on June 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7.30pm and on June 15 for a Sunday afternoon matinee show at 2 pm.

Local businesses are also putting their support behind the YAPPERS with Gallery 34 in High Street, the Bendigo Community Bank (Yea Branch) and the Yea Community House all acting as booking agents.

The Yea and District Community Bank is a key supporter with a substantial donation towards the quite significant cost of purchasing the high tech radio mikes needed for the performances.

Nunsense is a renowned Broadway musical that has already made millions of people laugh with something like 5,000 performances worldwide.

Without giving too much away, Nunsense is based on the Little Sisters of Hoboken who discover that their cook Sister Julia has poisoned 52 of her sisters and they are short of funds for the burials.

So the sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety performance and - well you'll have to come along to see the wacky outcome!

*See this week's Granite News attachment for all the details*

### *'SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS' is in Mid-Winter Recess*

The June and July sessions of Secret Men's Business have been suspended but normal secrecy will resume on Thursday 28th August at the Cavett Church.

## 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, foxy 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  
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## HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

The Ramblers will go into recess over the winter.

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<b>NOW until Sunday 22nd June</b>	<p><b>'FAMILIAR GROUND' ART EXHIBITION</b> at the Ruffy Produce Store Nolans Rd., Ruffy                  An exhibition of pastel works by Hurstbridge artist, Kylie Sirett.                  Free Viewing — Yummy Cake &amp; Coffee are extra !</p> <div style="text-align: right; background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>ON NOW !</b></div>
<b>Sunday 8th June 11:15am</b>	<p><b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip                  This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill.                  All welcome. <span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>TODAY !</b></span> <b>For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b></p>
<b>Monday 9th June 7:30pm</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b> Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)                  Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. <b>Contact Ros 5790 4161</b></p>
<b>Friday 13th June 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>'DRINKS ON THE DECK'</b> 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. <b>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</b></p>
<b>Friday 13th June 4:00pm</b>	<p><b>WHITEHEADS CREEK LANDCARE GROUP Nest-Boxes for Wildlife Project</b> 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. <b>Contact Carolyn 5792 4212</b></p>
<b>Saturday 14th June 10am-4:30pm</b>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE AUTUMN WORKSHOP</b> 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<sup>th</sup> June <b>Contact Helen 5790 4387 <a href="mailto:store@ruffy.com.au">store@ruffy.com.au</a></b></p>
<b>Saturday 14th June 8:30am</b>	<p><b>VICTORIAN UTILITY FARM DOG ASSOCIATION</b> Ian Bates' Property, Alexandra                  Basic working dog training and introduction to yard dog trialling training day \$10 members \$50 Non Members                  BBQ Lunch provided <b>For Directions &amp; Further Info Contact Brian Leahy 0409 336654 Ian Bates 0418 367209</b></p>
<b>Friday 13th June 6:30pm</b>  <b>Note: This is a Special One Night Only Screening</b>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA "Wadjda"</b> 118 Mins (PG) **** 4 stars <b>Subtitles</b>                  This is a gem of a film – the first to be made in Saudi Arabia, where there are no cinemas.                  Cheeky ten year old Wadjda lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She is a tomboy and rebel and more than anything else she wants a bicycle so that she can race – and beat – her friend Abdullah.                  This is tricky in a society where women are not even allowed to drive cars – so you can only imagine what people will think about a girl on a bike!                  This award winning film highlights the pressures that women and children endure in this challenging society - but is good humoured and optimistic</p>
<b>Saturday 14th June 8:00pm Sunday 15th June 4:00pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA "The Grand Budapest Hotel"</b> 100 mins (M) 4 stars Comedy / Drama                  Nostalgia, wit, good times and good lines underscore this movie.                  Based loosely on stories by Viennese writer Stefan Zweig, we see Ralph Fiennes giving an amazing performance as a bisexual, hedonistic head of concierge where he is not only cheerful and polite, but he is also opportunistic.                  The movie captures a bygone era when hotels were grand and life was completely different. The scenery is breathtaking. The movie has moments of high comedy touched with some sadness - things are changing with war looming - where eventually the doom and gloom of communism totally altered all the colour and grandeur of those times.                  Tilda Swinton, Jude Law and F Murray Abraham are engaged by well renown director, Wes Anderson, to star in this quirky movie,</p>
<b>Friday 20th June 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)</b> 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 <b>Contact Henry 5790 4246</b></p>
<b>Friday 20th June 8:30pm</b>	<p><b>TERIP TENNIS CLUB FUNDRAISER Tupperware Party</b> 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!! <b>Contact Robyn or Kendall 0407 358191 or <a href="mailto:richards@4upskilling.com.au">richards@4upskilling.com.au</a></b></p>
<b>Saturday 21st June 9am-1pm</b>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa                  "Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.  <b>Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 <a href="http://www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org">www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</a></b></p>
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<b>Friday 27th June 6:30pm</b>	<p><b>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT</b> Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek                  The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food &amp; wine with friends.  <b>Contact 5796 9366 or <a href="mailto:contact@rockypasses.com.au">contact@rockypasses.com.au</a></b></p>

