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WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

Ruffy

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

A PAIR of PASSIONATE ENVIRONMENTALISTS

Susan Sleigh works for the
Longwood Plains Conservation
Management Network.
Janet Hagen works for
the Strathbogie Ranges Conservation
Management Network.
Janet has also been Landcare Coordinator for the past 20 years with HCCC.

Between them they deliver biodiversity protection and revegetation projects as contractors for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

Landholder interest in participating in these projects keeps them very busy. Combined, Susan & Janet have facilitated the restoration of over 300 hectares of indigenous vegetation on private land during 2013/2014 and are on target to repeat this next year.



Susan Sleigh & Janet Hagen inspecting some of the remnant vegetation on Buntings Hill Rd

Both are continually impressed by our local farmers' willingness to adopt management practices that are sensitive to the protection of the environment.

It is no wonder that they become distressed when they witness environmental destruction on public land such as roadsides.

We all know that fire safety is of paramount importance to our community, but there are many experts in this field to help us, and there are strict protocols to follow to ensure that this can be achieved without destroying the rich biodiversity that we are lucky enough to be a part of.

By Janet Hagen



LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

THE BOB HAWKE LANDCARE AWARD

If you know a truly outstanding Landcarer, consider nominating them for this award.

The **Bob Hawke Landcare Award** celebrates an individual who has been involved in championing the Landcare ethic and inspiring others to take action on their own property or through a Landcare group.

The award acknowledges an individual who has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to caring for the land; champions better practices; and gives their time to share knowledge with others so that they too can prosper.

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award recipient will be awarded with a prize package to the value of \$50,000 for further development of their knowledge and skills in sustainable land management and Landcare.

Who can nominate for the Bob Hawke Landcare Award?

The Award is open to individuals who have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.

To be eligible for the award, you must:

* be an individual

- * be an Australian citizen
- * be actively involved in Landcare or sustainable agriculture
- * have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to natural resource management and sustainable agriculture.

The award is not open to groups or organisations.

For more details Contact editor@tgn.org.au

Next HCCC Landcare Meeting

Fri 20/6 7pm @ W'heads Creek Hall. Topics for discussion:

- * Future of Landcare funding
- * Shipping container at TCC
- * 20th birthday celebrations for HCCC
 * Plans for Whiteheads Creek "Second Landcare group in Victoria" celebration
 - * Plus general business. New members welcome.

Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

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READERS' WRITES

"Don't worry about the Phascogales on Buntings Hill Road Ruffy, they are all dead, run over by cars after suffering Post Traumatic Stress and deafness as a result of the Doof Doof music festival held in 2013 that the 'local environmentalist 'supported. Do they really care or is it just convenience !!!!!!!"

—John Goodwin, Ruffy

"I'm just writing in regard to the current talk about the possibility of having the 'Strawberry Field Music Festival' in Caveat.

It may just be me but everything that I have heard around the district about the festival has been negative.

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I feel that most events that have beer held in the region or have been proposed have been vetoed.

I bring up the music concert that was held at the Ruffy recreation ground last year. Discussion in the region after the event did not mention how good it was to have a slightly younger demographic in the area but how loud the music was and that the event will not be held again.

I agree with people's concerns over drug use at the event and I'm not denying that there are drugs involved. However to assume that all people attending are taking drugs is a gross over exaggeration.

I have no intentions of going to the festival myself. I do feel however that if every event that is organised for a younger generation in the area gets shut down what does this show to the few young people in the district and those thinking of moving here? What happens to the primary school when young families no longer come or remain in the area?

Give it a chance, we are not condoning drug use, we are supporting a music festival that will help support our community."

—Tom McCooey, Caveat/Cobram

Fox on the Run Tail Collection

- * Tablelands Community Centre * Sunday 29th June 9:30-10:30am
- If you are unable to make this time please call or email Simone 5790 4146

hughes.creek1@gmail.com



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Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE Landscaping/Gardening Workshop Series

Euroa Arboretum on the **Thursday 19th June** from 10am till Noon. We'll teach you how and when to take cuttings from native plants.

Everybody is most welcome Contact Fiona 5790 4369

POWERPLAY RALLYSPRINT is ON AGAIN

The Historic Rally Association (HRA) is once again running the PowerPlay Rallysprint in the *Yarck-Caveat-Terip* district on *Saturday 28th June*.

The Rallysprint is a one day event and will be based at the Koala Country Orchards packing shed on Maroondah Hwy in *Yarck* from 9.00am and finishing at 6.00pm.

The event was run in 2013 for the first time and was a huge success with both competitors and the local community.

This year entries have come from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. All competitors will be required to compete in 2WD vehicles only on two exciting all gravel closed road special stages.

The cars will leave the service park area at one minute intervals and transport (not race) down the highway then travel north up *Molesworth-Dropmore Road*.

North of **Jeffreys Rd** the road will be closed to the general public between 10am and 6pm where the cars will compete and be timed on the 5.6kms up to **Highlands Rd**.



They will then transport (not race) along Highland Rd/Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Springs Rd and turn back on to the gravel and travel south along Terip Rd until the second closed road stage starting just south of Black Range Rd.

Once again they will be timed over the 8kms ending just before **Yarck Rd** and will then transport back to the service park.

The transport sections the cars travel

along are not closed to the general public and crews are required to obey all road rules and will operate at an event enforced lower speed limit so as to avoid any problems with local traffic on the day.

The event is run under the authorisation of the Murrindindi Shire Council, the Confederation of Australian Motorsport, Victoria Police and Vicroads.

Crews will complete 2 laps in an anticlockwise direction then 2 laps in a clockwise direction.

The organisers encourage any locals who may be interested to visit the service park and look at the cars or talk to the crews during the lunch break.

Unfortunately there are no spectator points on the special stages but spectators can see the cars leave the start and arrive at the finish of each of the timed stages.



The HRA and event organisers aim to run a safe event or all and bring something different to the township of Yarck on an annual basis.

We would like to give special thanks to the Koala Country Orchards, the local CFA and the township of Yarck for it's assistance and support.

For further information please contact

Clerk of Course Russel Opie 0457 920 078 or Casey Southurst – Local Laws Officer, Murrindindi Shire Council 5772 0376

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

The Ramblers will go into recess over the winter.

Watch for notices when Spring time comes.

For Information *Contact 5796 9358*

AMERICAN CLASSIC AT NEXT FILM SOCIETY SCREENING

Next screening for the Murrindindi Film Society will be on Friday 20th June at the Yea Shire Chambers. Doors open at 6.45 for drinks and nibbles, followed at 7.00 p.m. by a 16mm presentation of the classic 1962 American drama

"To Kill a Mockingbird"

Adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning, semi-autobiographical novel of the same name, it stars Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, regarded by the American Film Institute as the greatest film hero of the 20th century. Brock Peters and Bob Ewell also give strong performances in this faithful portrayal of the American deep South in an era when racial tensions led to much intolerance and injustice.

As well as being an impressive social commentary on a regrettable period of American history, the film also explores the transition from a carefree childhood to an inevitable loss of innocence. A winner of three Academy Awards, it continues to hold its place on the American top 100 film list and remains as powerful today as when it was first released some 50 years ago.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will join us to enjoy this outstanding piece of cinema. Guests and prospective new members will be made welcome free of charge.

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MOWING ROSTER	W/C 21st July Tim & Cindy Hayes—Marcus Hill & Kara Penhale Car Park and 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!
Thursday 19th June 10am—Noon	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE Landscaping/Gardening Workshop Series The third in our series of indigenous gardening workshops will be held at The Euroa Arboretum We'll teach you how an when to take cuttings of native plants Contact Fiona 5790 4369
Friday 20th June 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) "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 Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road "Contact Henry 5790 4246"
Friday 20th June 8:30pm	TERIP TENNIS CLUB FUNDRAISER Tupperware Party 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 rrichards@4upskilling.com.au
Friday 20th June 7:00pm	HCCC LANDCARE MEETING Lots of interesting and essential subjects for discussion at this month's meeting New Members or casual observers are always welcome at Whiteheads Creek Hall, Kobyboyn Road Contact Janet hagen 5790 426
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
Saturday 21st June 8:00pm Sunday 22nd June 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "The Trip to Italy" 103 mins (M) **** 3.5 stars Comedy / Drama Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon took us on a trip around England in 2010 and now they have invited us to travel and eat our way through Italy – visiting Rome, Piemonte, the Amalfi Coast and Capri. Both actors are now well known to us through their television appearances. in this new Trip movie, they immerse themselves in the landscape, history, culture and cuisine of their chosen destination – you see the food they so enjoy and the scenery will delight - as only Italy can They are such good company and included in the journey is their approach to film history when they imitate the roles of various film characters and actors –taking the mickey out of them all! Light-hearted fun – you will enjoy!
Sunday 22nd June 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY 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. Ruffy Road, Terip Terip Ruffy Church Hall, followed by an important meeting to decide on the future of the Terip-Ruffy Church. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 423
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**
Friday 27th June 7:30pm	TABLELANDS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT Family Fun & Prizes—20 Rounds—\$1 per Playing Card Everyone is Welcome Tablelands Community Centre@Ruffy Nolans Road Every Round Wins a Prize—Final Round Prize \$50 Contact Sally 5790 4335 or 0407 904335
Saturday 5th July 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
Friday 12th July 6:00pm	TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE Christmas in July at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road Come along & celebrate another year gone by with family, friends and neighbours. Enjoy a selection of Terip "farmhouse casseroles" and sumptuous desserts including Christmas Puddings and Trifles. Entertainment and pre-dinner sherries included. Contact Kate Wright 5790 4148 by July 10
Sunday 13th July 9:00am	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Foxy We're having a good old Winter clean-up, so bring your tools & implements. There'll also be a BBQ Lunch provided. Contact Don 5790 4007
Monday 14th July 9:30am-3:30pm	gotafe BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK for RURAL PRODUCERS The purpose of this event is to explore topics key areas that promote sound agricultural practices, tackle future challeng and leave an enhanced industry for the next farming generation. Cost is \$60pp eligible or \$75pp ineligible Contact Leigh Kidley 0457 543622
Monday 14th July	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Monthly Committee Meeting. Everyone is always Welcome Old Ruffy School—Nolans Rd., Ruffy Contact Don 5790 4007
Monday 14th July	TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Annual General Meeting at The Terip Rec Reserve, Springs Road
7:30pm	Everybody is Welcome Contact Cindy 5790 4226



