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WHITEHEADS CREEK TERIP TERIP CAVEAT RUFFY HIGHLANDS HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

INKWEED — STARTING to SPREAD THROUGHOUT our CATCHMENT

In the last few years small patches of inkweed have been reported in our catchment.

Two years ago the roadside along Buntings Hill Rd was treated, and this has been successful as there has been no regrowth, but seed set must have already occurred as there are more patches coming up in paddocks adjacent to the roadside.



Inkweed (*phytolacca octandra*) is a soft woody perennial up to 2m tall. Stems are often red in colour and soft when young and tend to become woody and branch out with age. The leaves are pointed and range from light bright green to a dark green and can have a strong unpleasant odour when crushed. Flowers mature from green to crimson and there are usually clusters of purple/ black berries. Inkweed is usually found in disturbed ground, after burn- offs and along creek beds.

It is regarded as an environmental weed in Victoria and although it is noted that livestock do not usually eat the plant, it is known that the plant is poisonous.

Removal prior to seed set is ideal, and if dug out manually you will need to dig quite deeply to remove the root. Application of herbicide such as Brush off and/or Roundup is also effective and is recommended on any new growth.

The flowers are still immature at the moment so it may be a good time to get out and attack this emerging weed.

The most effective treatment is to cut the stems and paint with Roundup; this seemed to work along the roadside and some of the plants were quite large.

Call **Simone 5790 4146**
for more info or literature

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student of the Week JESSICA



**For her wonderful poem about
feeding the beasts at her home**

Well done!

FEEDING THE BEASTS

By Jessica Bennett

Feeding the beasts takes all day
But only in my head
I hate to go and feed the beasts
I'd rather stay in bed
I open the can, I smell the smell
The smell is way worse than hell
I also feel glad
To make the beasts so happy
But the smell is like a baby's nappy
Then it's all over it is done
Now to feed another one.

Thank you.....

***To Tony from Thomsons Choices Flooring in Seymour** for donating carpet squares. We will use the carpet squares to sit on while we are audience members for puppet shows and performances on the stage.

***To the Hayes family** for the donation of 4 pallets. Graham and Rick will use the pallets to set up a hot compost system.

***To Dave Clarke** who spent time at school over the weekend starting the construction on our chicken house. If you have some time and you can help Dave out we'd love to hear from you.

By Meagan Callander—Principal, HPS

FINDING FOXY Issue 24

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READERS' WRITES

"The Succession Planning Workshop run by the Seymour Agriculture and Pastoral Society, held on Saturday at Tallarook, was extremely well organised, informative and relevant. Thank you to the organisers and presenters for an interesting, challenging evening"—Denise & Bruce McLennan, Terip Terip

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

"Fox on the Run" Trophy Presentation The Results are In !

HCCC Landcare invites you to attend the "Fox on the Run" trophy & prize presentation night.

**Saturday 9th August -- 7:30pm
At The Ruffy Community Hall**



We will present trophies and prizes to the winning team & individuals. Dinner will be provided, BYO drinks. Take the opportunity to meet some of the fox hunters and landholders who take part in our annual competition.

**Contact Simone 5790 4146
hughes.creek1@gmail.com**

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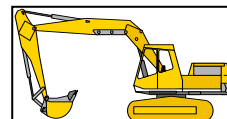
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Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON



CHIZIA = Challenges, Quizzing & Trivia @ Ruffy

Sat 16th Aug 2014, 7-15 for 7.30 @ Ruffy Hall.

Adults \$10, pre-teens free. BYO drinks & nibbles.

Enjoy our warm'n'cosy hall & an amazing supper.

Numerous rare and unique prizes.

TRADING PLACES

*Good stuff for private sale or
wanted by friendly locals*

LOST DOG

**Our small Black, White & Tan
Foxy has gone missing
from the Gum Road area at
Caveat.**

**If you see him can you please
call Sandra on 5790 4099
(It is not the stray dog listed below)**



STRAY DOG

TERIP DISTRICT

This very
friendly small
medium sized
male, black
and white

scruffy dog has been coming to the
house of a Granite News reader on
Springs Road, Terip Terip regularly in
the late
afternoons and evenings since the
June long weekend.

The owner can claim him by contacting
The Granite News.

SPOTTING FOXYS

**There are three pictures of
Foxy in this week's TGN..have
you spotted them all ?**

Ruffy Community Action Group (RCAG)

The Ruffy Community Action Group was formed in 2009 to support our community in planning for the future, providing a link with the Shire and to help provide seeding grants for specific projects.

Over the past few years some impressive projects supported by RCAG have taken shape, including major works at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, Town Streetscape Development, Landscaping and other projects at the Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School), The War Memorial Project and also the Ruffy Communication Project, a collaboration between the CFA and the Tablelands Community Centre, as well as providing funding toward Community Social Events.

This is not a complete list, but already it sounds pretty impressive such a small community. The thing that all of these projects have in common is that they have had, at their head, a Coordinator or Project Leader to get things moving.

RCAG is happy to provide seed funding for worthwhile local projects that fit in with our Community Action Plan, that was formulated in 2012 by members of the community; and sometimes RCAG will contribute the whole amount

eg: the Ruffy Community Website www.ruffycommunity.com.au

We have formed a rough outline of how part of the Strathbogie Shire's Grant for 2014-15 (\$6,180) could be used:

\$1500 towards the Arts, including \$500 to the **Ruffy Artfest 2014** for advertising, materials and hire of equipment

\$2500 towards the next stage of the **Ruffy Communications Project**

\$1000 for further enhancements to the **Ruffy Streetscape**, including seats and table in suitable location.

These proposed allocations need to be approved at our next meeting and AGM on 6 August, 7.30 pm at the TCC, when a new Committee also needs to be elected. We would love to hear of more Project Leaders ready to step forward and take on or suggest a new project. We welcome comments and further suggestions which should be passed on to the secretary **Verena Weinmann 5790 4309** alpli@yahoo.com.au by the end of July. By Justus Hagen —President RCAG

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2014

TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	W/C 21st July Tim & Cindy Hayes-Marcus Hill & Kara Penhale Car Park and All Four Courts
	W/C 18th Aug Sue Martin-Andrew Holloway & Tim Andrews Both sides of Springs Rd & All Four Courts
Sunday 27th July 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY This service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. TODAY ! <i>For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</i> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip
Saturday 2nd August 9am-2pm	YEA COUNTRY MARKET 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. Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Gold coin donation entry
Saturday 2nd August 8:00pm Sunday 3rd August 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Two Faces of January" 96 mins (M) 3.5 stars Thriller / Suspense This movie starts on the step of the Acropolis where a charming, knowledgeable tour guide (who is also a scam artist) is leading a group of tourists. He captures the interest of a couple who hire him as their guide, unknowingly leading them into a web of intrigue. It is difficult to go into the plot, which has a Hitchcock feel to it, without revealing more than is necessary, but the pace through Greece, Crete and Istanbul will keep you engaged right to the end. A nice change in pace from many of our other films this year. Starring Kirsten Dunst, Viggo Mortensen and Oscar Isaac.
Tuesday 5th August 7:30pm	PRESENTATION by Prof NEIL PHILLIPS Following his attendance at a recent Granite Field Conference in Europe, Professor Neil Phillips from University of Melbourne will be making a presentation about the formation and structure of the granite in the Strathbogie Region. at the Creightons Creek Hall All Welcome
Wednesday 6th August 7:30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Invitation to the Ruffy Community to attend the AGM . All community members welcome to hear of past achievements and to help plan for the future. A nice supper will follow the meeting. Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Road, Ruffy. <i>Enquiries Justus Hagen 5790 4268</i>
Friday 8th August 6:30pm	'DRINKS ON THE DECK' 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. <i>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</i> at Highlands Community Hall
Sunday 10th August 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. <i>For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</i> Ruffy Road, Terip Terip
Monday 11th August 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS for the next 3 years. All positions will be declared vacant and community members from within the Granite News distribution area are invited to attend and to vote for their preferred candidates to take this important and exciting facility into the future. Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) <i>Contact Justus 5790 4268</i>
Friday 15th August 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 <i>Contact Henry 5790 4246</i>
Saturday 16th August 9am—1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. <i>Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</i> Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa
Saturday 16th August 7:15pm	CHIZIA (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing, Terrific Trivia) BYO drinks and nibbles. Memorable Ruffy Supper. Many Unique Prizes. Adults \$10, pre-teens free on pre-teens table with own activities. Bookings essential - <i>Contact Roger 0437 771 580. For more information - go to www.chizia.com.au</i> at the Ruffy Community Hall
Saturday 16th August 7:30pm	TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Trivia Night Join us for a night of TERIP TRIVIA including photos and general Terip knowledge at the Terip Recreation Reserve For further details <i>Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277</i>
Monday 18th August 8:00pm	RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road <i>Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</i>

