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## Cathy McGowan Seeks Landcarer's Views



Community input is being sought for the design and delivery of the National Landcare Programme as the Federal Government seeks to implement changes to this significant volunteer-based, environmental initiative.

Independent Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan AO, is calling on Landcare and environmental groups in Indi to provide views and ideas on how this vital program is shaped for the future. Indi has 75 Landcare and special interest groups caring for the environment.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Ms McGowan asked the Government how Landcare groups would remain engaged under the new environmental policy and be involved in the process.

"It is important the Government is holding community consultation on how the Landcare programme is structured. It is equally important the Landcare groups in the North East provide input during this process to tell Government what is needed to keep this program a successful one," Ms McGowan said.

Ms McGowan said financial estimates show Landcare groups give great value for the funding provided and create invaluable outcomes for local environments. She also believes there is a definite correlation between strong communities and caring for the environment.

"People are very passionate about their Landcare group and the environment is an issue close to the heart of everyone. Landcare groups are excellent models of community engagement; the social benefits are very important for rural and regional Australia," she said.

Online submissions can be made at [https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/national-landcare-programme-survey/consult\\_view](https://environment.au.citizenspace.com/biodiversity-conservation/national-landcare-programme-survey/consult_view) until August 29.

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Student of the Week Bridie



For being an excellent role model, always following the rules and assisting others. Well done!

We have been collecting data from students for our upcoming School Review. Here's some of the student feedback

### Question: What does HPS do well?

- Play well with each other.
- Junior School Council.
- HPS is good at giving attention.
- There is no bullying.
- We get to go on almost all of the camps.
- HPS gives individual attention.
- Everyone knows each other.
- Give attention.
- We are allowed to climb trees.
- We do lots of fun learning activities.
- We all work well together.
- We work well in groups.
- We present Student of the Week.
- If someone doesn't have anyone to play with someone always looks after them.
- We work well with each other.
- We help each other with our work.
- We celebrate Student of the Week.

By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS

## SPOTTING FOXYS Can you find 6 Foxys this week ?

**WELCOME to ISSUE 29 2014**  
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## READERS' WRITES

*The Granite News* is an open but moderated community forum. We encourage our readers to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly encourage feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in *The Granite News*

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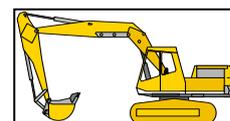
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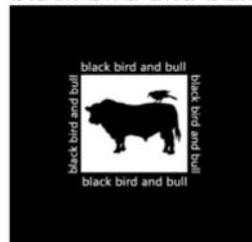


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## Classifieds & Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### **Ultrafox - Le Jazz Hot! - slink into Ruffy**

Get ready to welcome Ultrafox in the third concert in this year's Café Culture Series, brought to you by Just Shows to Go.



On guitars are Peter Baylor & Jon Delaney.  
On violin is Andy Baylor

and bassist is Kain Borlase . They present the finest in Le Jazz—Hot !

Peter Baylor has played with groups including Doug Parkinson and The Dancehall Racketeers. His style moves effortlessly from jazz and swing to blues, rockabilly and country. His brother, Andy Baylor, was hand-picked by Bob Dylan to support some of his shows. Jon Delaney has performed all over Australia and also in Berlin, UK & Canada. Double bassist Kain Borlase is a frequent performer at festivals including The Queenscliff Music Festival.

So if your tastes run to Swing, Elegant or Blue Jazz, tender ballads, gypsy waltzes and hot rhythm then do come along!

The RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays Series is proudly presented in Ruffy by RuffArtZ and is supported by the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria.

Ultrafox will perform on Saturday 13 September 8 pm in the Ruffy Hall.

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**Mansfield—2pm**  
**Euroa—5.30pm**

**Contact 0407 358191**  
**for further information**

### **HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**invites you to its 1<sup>st</sup> Playgroup, come morning tea, come social community get together.**

**An opportunity for young children, their families and community members to get together for a cuppa, chat, activities for the young ones, morning tea and a play with students from HPS.**



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
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<b>TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER</b>	<p><b>W/C 1st Sept</b> Tim &amp; Frances Lawrence — Max Eddy      Around Clubhouse and All Four Courts</p> <hr/> <p><b>W/C 15th Sept</b> Jim &amp; Jill Davidson—Rachel Brown &amp; Chris Hewison      Car Park &amp; All Four Courts</p>
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>ON NOW!</b></p> until <b>Saturday 30th August</b>	<p><b>LEONE GABRIELLE &amp; ALBERT STEEN EXHIBITION of WORKS</b>      at Naturally Made Store, Euroa</p> <p>You are invited to visit Euroa's 'Naturally Made' Store on Binney Street to experience this exhibition of work by artists Leone Gabrielle and Albert Steen.  <b>Contact Leah 0409 951040</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 24th August</b>                  12:00 noon</p> <p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; transform: rotate(-15deg);"><b>TODAY!</b></p>	<p><b>ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY</b>      Ruffy Road, Terip Terip  <b>The Congregation of St David's Church will now offer a different style of service on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.</b></p> <p>On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August we will meet at 12 noon for a <b>light lunch</b>, followed by a talk by <b>Guest speaker Andrew Holloway from Uniting Care</b>. We will close this friendly get-together with coffee/tea and cake. We look forward to welcoming a good number of our community to this new style of service.  <b>For more information, please contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 28th August</b>                  5:30pm</p>	<p><b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b>      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</p>
<p><b>Friday 29th August</b>                  6:30pm</p>	<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>
<p><b>Saturday 30th August 8:00pm</b>  <b>Sunday 31st August 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>EUROA CINEMA "Healing"</b> 119 mins (M) 4stars Drama—Based on a true Australian story                  A wonderful Australian movie set in a low-security pre-release prison. A toughened inmate (Don Hany) is given the opportunity to work with the local wildlife sanctuary where he develops a special relationship with injured game birds. Hugo Weaving plays the role of the prison officer.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 30th August</b>                  7:30pm</p>	<p><b>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Family Trivia Night</b>      at the Terip Recreation Reserve                  Join us for a night of TERIP TERIP TRIVIA including photos and general Terip knowledge.                  \$10 per head—Supper Provided—Lots of Prizes  <b>Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 5th September</b>                  10:00am</p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP</b>      at the Highlands Primary School                  An opportunity for young children, their families and community members to get together for a cuppa, chat, activities for the young ones, morning tea and a play with students from HPS.</p>
<p><b>Friday 5th September</b>                  7:30pm</p>	<p><b>HCCC LANDCARE MEETING</b>      at the TERIP Recreation Reserve                  Landcare is interested to hear your views about how we can deliver effective environmental programmes to support the local community of flora, fauna and people.  <b>Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 6th September</b>                  9am-2pm</p>	<p><b>YEA COUNTRY MARKET</b>      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</p>
<p><b>Monday 8th September</b>                  7:30pm</p>	<p><b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b>      Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)                  Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome.  <b>Contact Justus 5790 4268</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 10th September</b>                  7:30pm</p>	<p><b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>      at the Terip Rec Reserve                  All are welcome to come along and elect new office bearers and to help plan the coming year's activities.  <b>Please call Andrew Holloway on 5790 4080 for more details</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 12th September</b>                  6:30pm</p>	<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>
<p><b>Saturday 13th September</b>                  7:30pm for                  8:00pm Start</p>	<p><b>RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2014"</b>      Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd  <b>Ultrafoxx slink into Ruffy!!</b> The finest in Le Jazz Hot - French gypsy jazz, elegant swing, tender ballads, waltzes and instrumental romps. Sit back and enjoy this evening with your BYO drinks and nibbles.  <b>Tickets only \$25 per head</b>  <b>Contact Verena 5790 4309</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 19th September</b>                  7:00pm</p>	<p><b>RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)</b>      Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road  <i>"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"</i>                  BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share  <b>Contact Henry 5790 4246</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 20th September</b>                  9am-1pm</p>	<p><b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b>      Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa  <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat &amp; Shop"</i> 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>

