



BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

PLATYPUS EARNS NEW CONSERVATION STATUS

The conservation status of the platypus has been upgraded to 'near threatened' in the latest edition of *The Action Plan for Australian Mammals*.

The new *Action Plan* has just been released. It incorporates input from more than 230 biologists with specialist knowledge about mammals found in Australia, including monotremes, marsupials, rodents, bats, seals, dolphins and whales.

Drop a piece of litter on the ground and (quite rightly) you can expect to be fined.

Release a balloon at a wedding, birthday party or public event and the fact that the balloon and its attached string inevitably fall to the ground as litter appears to cause no legal concerns.

Over the years, Australian Platypus Conservancy biologists have found numerous deflated balloons littering waterways, often in remote areas. Given that platypus easily become entangled in all sorts of litter, the APC has long argued that balloons pose a risk and their release should be banned. However, approaches to the Victorian EPA to take appropriate action have to date received no positive response.



Platypus victim of a balloon string
(photo courtesy of Sharon Mason)

Unfortunately, the recent discovery of a dead platypus at Ruffey Creek in Melbourne with a balloon string around its neck has confirmed the APC's worst fears.

Mass release of balloons is already banned in NSW and restricted by some local councils, such as the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

The APC is renewing its call to ban balloon releases across Australia on the grounds that they pollute the environment. If you support this view, then please make your feelings known to your state or territory EPA, local council and relevant politicians.

Article courtesy of
The Australian Platypus Conservancy

MY LOCAL ICON

HONOURING our RUFFY HERO

The Ruffy Community is now in possession of the historic tree-guard & plaque that honours former Ruffy resident **Lt. Colonel Leslie Maygar VC.**



This historic piece was gifted to the Ruffy Community by the Euroa RSL and it has been beautifully restored thanks to the generosity of Gary & Kerry Hewlett.

It is essential that the whole of the Ruffy Community has a chance to contribute their thoughts about the location within the town that this important & historic memorial should be permanently placed.

There will be a Public Forum chaired by Erwin Weinmann at the Ruffy Hall **Sunday September 21st at 10:00am**

We look forward to your contribution

Contact Erwin Weinmann 5790 4309



THE SEARCH For THE PERCH



SPOTTING FOXYS
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FINDING FOXY Issue 30
1 x Page 1, 2 x Page 4



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READERS' WRITES

"As was mentioned in last week's article "Terip-Ruffy Church's future Looks Positive", we are enthusiastic about the revised monthly format for our church services.

September's new format service will be something entirely different, held in Helen McKenzie's garden at Terip.

Check the Granite News "What's On" page for more details.
Thanks to All.

Verena Weinmann—Ruffy

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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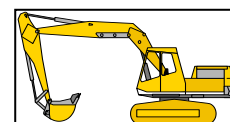
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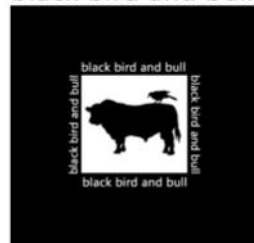


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LOCAL GOINGS ON

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Inviting Entries from Artists and Scarecrow-Crafters!

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- entry forms available: www.ruffycommunity.com.au/ruffy-artfest
- or contact Verena 03 5790 4309 alpli@yahoo.com.au

Scarecrow Competition: Child & Adult Sections

- enter by Sunday 9th November
- book with Robyn on 5790 3275 sheehan@harboursat.com

Other Artfest Happenings

- Opening night
- Workshops
- Three Ruffy Open Gardens
- Quilt Airing in the Orchard
- Food, Music and Lots to Enjoy

Further information

www.ruffycommunity.com.au/ruffy-artfest

follow us on Facebook,

phone Robyn 5790 3275 or Verena 5790 4309

Proceeds from Ruffy Artfest will support local community projects

RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS

STRIDE into SPRING

The next walk will be this Sunday 7th, meeting at 9.30 at the Ruffy Hall and exploring the gorges and gullies running into the Pearson's Creek-a main tributary of the Creighton's Creek. Finish at Hagen's place for a cuppa.

On Sept 21st John Thompson will be taking us on a walk from Blue Top Road in Highlands. Meet at Ruffy Hall at 9.30am. Contact Justus 5790 4268

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Darren Gilbert
Monkey Tail Collection 8

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TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER	W/C 15th Sept Jim & Jill Davidson—Rachel Brown & Chris Hewison Car Park & All Four Courts W/C 22nd Sept Craig & Jenny Murphy—Neville & Sue Debney Both sides of Springs Rd & All 4 Courts
Sunday 7th September 2pm-4pm	DARREN GILBERT "Monkey Tail Collection 8" Exhibition Opening The Light Factory Gallery-Eltham Please join us with Darren to celebrate the opening of his latest exhibition Exhibition runs from 4th-28th September Gallery Hours Wed-Sun 11:00am--4:30pm Contact 9439 1206
Sunday 7th September 9:30am	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Meet at Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road Exploring the gorges and gullies running into the Pearson's Creek-a main tributary of the Creighton's Creek. Finish at Hagen's place for a cuppa. It's probably too late to Contact Justus 5790 4268
Monday 8th September 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Justus 5790 4268
Tuesday 9th September 7:30pm	RUFFY RECREATION RESERVE Annual General Meeting at Ruffy Rec Reserve Noye Lane Ruffy Annual meeting to elect office bearers for the Committee of Management Contact Bill Eddy 5790 4264
Wednesday 10th September 7:30pm	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 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. Please call Andrew Holloway on 5790 4080 for more details
Friday 12th September 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 12th September 1:30pm	EUROA CINEMA Red Cross Charity Screening "The Butler" : 130 mins (M) 3 stars "The Butler"- is based on a true story with the stellar cast of Forest Whitaker, Vanessa Redgrave, Robyn Williams and Oprah Winfrey. Starting with the lead up to the election of Barak Obama, this is the amazing story of Cecil Gains who worked for eight American Presidents. The movie takes us on his journey - how he rose to the position, the generational conflicts, the historical aspects of discrimination and the inside story of how he managed his position in the White House. But it is his struggles and triumphs that will engage you right to the end.
	
Saturday 13th September 7:30pm for 8:00pm Start	RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2014" Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd Ultrafox slink into Ruffy!! 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. Tickets only \$25 per head Contact Verena 5790 4309
Sunday 14th September 11:15am	St. DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip The service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. . All Welcome For any information ring Jennifer Penny on 5790 4233
Sunday 14th September 2:00pm	WHITEHEADS CREEK LANDCARE GROUP Whiteheads Creek Hall Kobyboyn Road Everyone is invited to the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Jock Wallis to celebrate the foundation of the 2nd Landcare Group. Please RSVP to Carolyn 5792 4212
Friday 19th September 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
Saturday 20th September 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 21st September 10:00am	HONOURING our HERO PUBLIC FORUM Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road Ruffy All Ruffy community are invited to contribute their views and ideas about the location of the permanent memorial to Lt. Colonel Leslie Maygar VC. Contact Erwin Weinmann 5790 4309
Sunday 28th September 2pm Onwards	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY will offer a different style of service again. This time you are invited to enjoy a community afternoon at Helen McKenzie's "Kendalee" Relax to local entertainment, enjoy her garden, be a 'sport' with tennis, table tennis or golf putting. Fun for children with games, a treasure hunt and more. A lovely afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm. Helen will be prepared for all weather conditions. For any enquires, please contact Helen & Donna 5790 4211

TODAY!

