



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Gail & Brian van Rooyen's 'Lakithi Garden' —Terip Terip

Gail & Brian van Rooyen were both born into farming families in South Africa's sub-tropical Northern Natal province. 'Lakithi' in the Zulu language means 'Our Home'.



From an early age Gail took a keen interest in gardening and garden design, encouraged by her Grandmother who lived in a more temperate climate and who gave Gail experience and inspiration to explore the English and European garden styles.

Throughout their extensive world travels Gail has gathered an incredible range of classic garden experiences and this is immediately evident when you venture into the wonderland that is 'Lakithi'.

From the starting point of an open paddock in 1996 and the planting of bare-rooted trees in 1997 Gail, Brian and their family worked to create an 8 acre masterpiece that now simply takes your breath away.

It is estimated that over 200 tons of soil was shifted by local contractor John Furlanetto and over 250 metres of stone walling and stairways were created by local stonemason Howard Mitchell.....but the concepts, planning and design are all Gail's.

Apart from the sheer scale of this created landscape, what constantly impresses the visitor are the ever-changing perspectives that Gail has engineered.

One minute you are on a rolling lawn that could accommodate a cricket match, the next you are in a 'garden room' encased by low stone walls with dense and brilliant floral displays as their backdrop, then you are inspired by the high-set indigenous granite outcrop that has been edged and enhanced by olive trees plus a mass fringe of lavenders; but never are you far from an expansive vista across the lake and beyond to the local hills.



On Sunday November 16th the Victorian Rotary 'Garden designfest' will feature four stunning local open gardens — Joan & Ian Ball's "**The Falls**", Paula & Bryan Gurry's "**Midfields**", Joan & David Fowles' "**Killeen**" and Gail & Brian's "**Lakithi**".

It will be a busy weekend, but please, do yourself a favour and set aside time to be inspired by these wonderful world-class gardens right here on our doorstep.

"**Lakithi**" is on Hewlett's Road Terip Terip, opening from 10am until late in the afternoon. The Terip Tennis Club will be serving Devonshire teas.



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NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Stohm



For demonstrating Leadership qualities while organising lunchtime & recess activities- Well Done !

Working Bee: We are holding a Working Bee on Wednesday November 12th at 5:50pm. We have soft-fall to spread, the chook shed to complete and garden beds to weed.

Please let us know if you're coming so that we can cater the BBQ.

By Sue Watson—Principal, HPS

READERS' WRITES

"As you may be aware due to time delays in finalising the council permit Strawberry Fields has decided to return to Tocumwal this year. I would like to thank all the people who volunteered to assist in our fundraising efforts. It has been great fun and positive to see such a fabulous response from a large number of our community so keen to help out. We are planning to find other events that will bring some money from outside the community, so rest assured now you have volunteered once we will call on you when we have our next project lined up. Again Thank You."

—Jim McCooey, President,
Highlands Community Group

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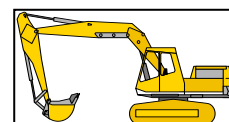
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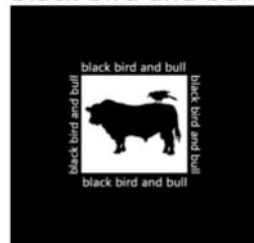


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LOCAL GOINGS ON

14th, 15th & 16th
November 2014



*Brought to you by Ruffy Artfest Committee;
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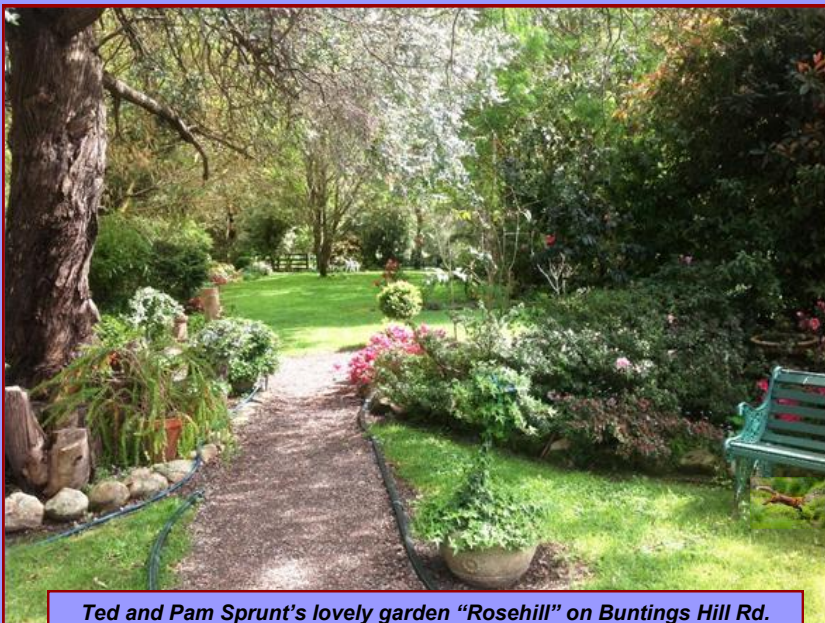
We are delighted to announce a record number of entries for the Art Exhibition and Sale - predominantly painting in a range of media - and also photography, textiles, glass, timber and sculptures. Our thanks to all the artists!

Artfest Happenings: something for everyone

- # **Opening night** on Friday is going to be fun! Artists, art works & gourmet finger food; guest models in wearable art (supplied by 'Naturally Made'); harpist Jenna Carole. If you haven't booked your ticket for this, now is the time.
- # **Three Ruffy Open Gardens—"Rosehill", "Greenwood Park" and "Coolalie"**
- # **Quilt-Making**— in the Orchard at Mill Spring Farm— a very special part of Artfest
- # **Workshops**— kitemaking & flying; papermaking; limited numbers so book today!
- # **Hand Made Silk Flowers**—demonstration by Lynne Stone Saturday, Ruffy Hall
- # **Pastel Painting**—with Louise Carlisle (Art & Frames-Benalla) Sunday, Ruffy Hall
- # **Scarecrow Competition**—entry \$2 & \$5 - prizes – please BYO home-made scarecrow to the Old Ruffy School by 9am Saturday
- # **Food**— BBQ lunch (provided by Ruffy CFA), light lunches, tea coffee & cakes at Ruffy Hall; the wonderful Ruffy Produce Store is also open
- # **Live Music**— popular local groups Euro Ukes and Eurockafellas on Saturday plus Rodney Horsfall on his beautiful and tuneful cigar boxes on Sunday
- # **Talelands Community Store—Bric-a-Brac stall:** Saturday & Sunday at the Old Ruffy School from 10am each day
- # **Stay The Weekend! Camping Option:** As well as the B & B options, campsites are available in a leafy and quiet setting at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve. Toilets, showers, kitchen facilities and the club room - only \$10 per campsite, per night.

Bookings for Opening night, Workshops & Camping
Call Robyn 5790 3275

Further information
Robyn 5790 3275 or Verena 5790 4309



*Ted and Pam Sprunt's lovely garden "Rosehill" on Buntings Hill Rd.
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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR NOV/DECEMBER 2014

Sunday 9th November
From 10am
TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE — 2nd WORKING BEE at the Old Ruffy School
The Community Centre will be one of the venues for the upcoming **RUFFY ArtFest** and we need to do a heap of work to ensure that the grounds and the internal space are in good shape.

Sunday 9th November
From 10:00am
AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE & CLEARING SALE 40 Anderson St Avenel
Providing Lots of Fun and Action for Everyone. HUGE Auction with 400 Lots—Variety of Market Stalls

Tuesday 11th November
7:30pm
 **HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE** at the Highlands Fire Shed
This is the 4th in the 2014 series of Training Sessions.
All members are encouraged to attend **Contact Jim McCooley 0418 532103**

Friday 14th November
10:00am
HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP/MORNING TEA/COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER
at the Highlands Primary School
Please feel Welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat

Friday 14th November
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 14th November
From 7:30pm
RUFFY ARTFEST Opening Night: Meet the Artists: Preview & Sales at The Ruffy Community Hall
Tickets \$15 (incl. supper and drinks) Bookings Essential Contact Robyn Sheehan 5790 3275

Saturday 15th November
Sunday 16th November
10am-4pm
RUFFY ARTFEST Art Exhibition & Sale
Three Ruffy Open Gardens—"Rosehill"—"Greenwood Park"—"Coolalie"
Quilt Airing in the Orchard—at Mill Spring Farm
Scarecrow Competition
Workshops—Paper-making and Kite-making & flying
Bookings for workshops Contact Robyn 5790 3275 www.ruffycommunity.com.au or Facebook

Saturday 15th November
8:00pm
Sunday 16th November
4:00pm
EUROA CINEMA "The 100 Year Old Man who Jumped out the Window and Disappeared"
This delightful story is about a man who has very reluctantly been placed in a retirement home. On his 100th birthday he slips out the window and makes his way to the station where he is asked to mind a suitcase (which belongs to a drug dealer) and absent-mindedly goes off with it.....it is what is in the suitcase that stirs up all kinds of escapades. 114 mins (M) 3.5 stars

Sunday 16th November
10am until After 5pm
GAIL & BRIAN van ROOYEN'S OPEN GARDEN Hewlett's Road Terip Terip
As part of the Victorian Rotary "Garden designfest" this wonderful local garden will be open to the public for one day only. Entry Fee \$12 with proceeds to Rotary
The Terip Tennis Club will serve Devonshire Teas with proceeds to the tennis court replacement project.

Sunday 16th November
4:00pm
CONCERT ONE Peter Hagen (Harpsichord) & Margaret Caley (Violin) at the Broadford Salon
C.P.E. Bach violin and harpsichord works. Sonatas fantasias and other pieces for violin and harpsichord written by the famous C.P.E. Bach's whose tricentenary is celebrated this year.
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Wednesday 19th November
7:30pm
RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP at Tablelands Community Centre
End of year meeting of the Action Group to hear about activities since August and to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Everyone is welcome – Light supper and drinks following meeting.
Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268

Friday 21st Nov 7:30pm
HCCC Landcare Monthly Meeting at the Highlands Hall
We'll finalise the arrangements for the 20 year celebration day.
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

Sunday 23rd November
In the Afternoon
20 YEAR CELEBRATION DAY for HCCC LANDCARE at the Old Caveat Church
A terrific day of celebration is planned for the 20th Anniversary of the HCCC Landcare Group. There will be interactive displays of Landcare's achievements, a free lunch and a walk to the Mineral Springs on Hughes Creek..
Contact Simone Ulstrup for further details 5790 4146

Sunday 23rd November
6:00pm
St DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY meet at The Ruffy Hall
For the 4th Sunday of this month members and friends will meet at the Ruffy Hall for a BBQ Dinner
Please bring your own meat and a salad or sweet to share. (Tea and coffee provided)
For more information, please contact Verena Weinmann, 5790 4309

Friday 5th December
6:00pm
HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP & BBQ at The Highlands Hall
BYO drink, chairs, meat and salad to share. Don't miss out on the special visit from Santa at 7.30pm and the beautiful voices of the children singing Christmas carols. Please drop off presents for your children at the school prior to this date labelled with their name (maximum of \$5). **Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247**

Friday 19th December
RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or two!)
The happy hour will not be held in December as scheduled, and will go into recess until the New Year

TODAY!

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Venue Change

In Recess

