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### PROGRESSION OF THE HUGHES CREEK REPORT

A final draft of a much awaited report, prepared for the Goulburn Broken CMA by a consultant with a strong knowledge and history of the Hughes Creek and Macquarie Perch, is nearing completion with no further significant changes expected.

The report provides recommendations that will be used to help guide investment and effort in the Hughes Creek Catchment and to assist in the management of the resident Macquarie Perch population.



Consultant Wayne Erskin, Professor Sam Lake & GB CMA's Mark Turner at Hughes Creek Avenel

The historic channel change of the Hughes Creek, with consideration to sand slug development and movement is a key component of the report, along with investigation of the risks to the threatened Macquarie Perch population.

The report titled *River Reaches, Historical Channel Changes and Recommended Methods to Improve Macquarie Perch Habitat on Hughes Creek, Victoria* details several recommendations to improve the habitat and potential range for Macquarie Perch.

The GBCMA will consider these recommendations and seek community support for implementation.

When the report is finalised, it will be made available on the GBCMA website.

By Christine Glassford  
River Health Officer-GB CMA

FINDING FOXY

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## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Week Emily



For consistently putting  
in a great effort. Well done!

**Shrine of Remembrance:** This week we were fortunate to have Adrian visit us from the Shrine of Remembrance. We had an amazing session learning about the way animals have been used during wars and the important role they played in keeping our troops safe over the years. Adrian was very impressed with the extensive knowledge our students had about life during war time. We were also able to try on a range of uniforms which were used by soldiers and nurses during World War I and examined some items that have been recovered from the battlefields in Europe. He had a wide range of photographs taken during WWI which he showed us on a PowerPoint.



By Sue Watson—Acting Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek  
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## READERS' WRITES

"Once upon a time, long ago, when we were old enough to hold a driver's licence it was impressed upon us that, not only were we allowed behind the steering wheel of a moving vehicle, we also had to possess two other attributes. These were known as **RESPECT**, and **INTEGRITY**. They were packaged in something called common sense. We were expected to show courtesy to fellow motorists. We were "encouraged" to acknowledge other road users by way of a casual **wave!** My, how things have changed!!!! We no longer need to know "the language", we look at a monitor, tick off multiple choice questions and get a mug shot taken. From then on, well, one only needs to view programs such as Highway Patrol etc. I am a 'motor-homer'. The wave is not dead among our fraternity, but then, we are of a different era. As an example, recently we spent a few days on the Mornington Peninsula. I made an effort to keep the wave alive. Over the whole time we were on the road, with perhaps hundreds of road users, I was rewarded with a total of nine responses. It seems the words "**INTEGRITY**", "**RESPECT**" and "**COMMON COURTESY**" are only found within the yellowing pages of some long forgotten book kept on a dusty shelf, known as a **DICTIONARY**. In view of such overwhelming odds, it beggars to think, Why Bother? "

—John Sporry, Caveat

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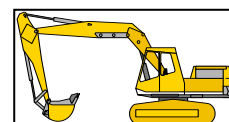
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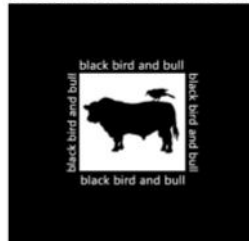


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## Classifieds & Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### RUFFY CFA WALKS the TALK

There was a good turn-out for the Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade's Community Fire Awareness Meeting at 6pm on Saturday 22nd November.



CFA Hume Region Community Officer, Robert Scott led the locals on a stroll from Noye Lane down Buntings Hill Rd. and engaged the crowd in discussions about roadside vegetation management for wild-fire mitigation

As always, there were a variety of views about how much roadside management is too much, but Robert constantly emphasised that Victorian state legislation

dictates that any roadside vegetation management must be conducted under permit and/or with oversight from the relevant authorities ie: Shire, CMA, DEPI, VicRoads etc.

Back at the Fire Shed, Robert delivered an informative presentation on landholder fire awareness, readiness and preparation.

The attendees were predominantly local CFA members who already have a better than basic understanding of these issues and it was a shame that more 'part-time' locals were not present given that Ruffy Fire Captain John Furlanetto had scheduled and timed the event to make it convenient for these folk to attend.

#### Community Information Session—Yarck Streetscape

Council will present to the Yarck community proposed plans for the redevelopment of the Streetscape at a public information session. The popular Yarck Village Hub will be rejuvenated with the implementation of streetscape improvements. Proposals include new pathways and improvements to signage, car parking, seating and landscaping that will greatly enhance connectivity, community access and public amenity. The information session will be held at the Yarck Fire Station on Thursday 4 December 2014 from 6pm – 7.30pm.

Residents and others interested in the streetscape are encouraged to attend this 'drop-in' session to be updated on the scope of the project.

**For more information contact Paul Valente on 5772 0706**



#### Honouring our Ruffy Hero



As reported in the Granite News of 7<sup>th</sup> September, the historic tree guard and plaque honouring local Victoria Cross recipient Lt. Colonel Leslie Maygar, which was gifted to the Ruffy community by Euroa RSL, has been beautifully restored thanks to Gary and Kerry Hewlett.

A Public Forum was convened on 21<sup>st</sup> September to decide where this memorial should be placed, and this was attended by twelve Ruffy residents. After discussion of a number of proposed sites for the memorial a motion "to place the memorial tree guard at a prominent location at the Maygar Reserve and to plant a suitable tree", proposed by E Sprunt and seconded by K Hewlett, was carried by 6 votes for and 5 votes against.

A group of volunteers has now installed the tree guard near the entrance to the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, and Kerry Hewlett has sourced a Lone Pine seedling from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

On **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am**, a ceremony will be held at the Recreation Reserve, where John and Andy Wilson will be planting the Lone Pine seedling. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, which will be followed by morning tea.

By Erwin Weinmann

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December 1st**

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- Ruffy ..... 2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team
- Highlands/Caveat (From W/C Dec 7th)..... Driver: Jim McCooley Radio: Sam Strong

**ON NOW!**

**Until Late  
December**

## **AN ELABORATE ANIMAL TALE—Art Exhibition** at The Ruffy Produce Store

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**TODAY!**

**Sunday 30th  
November  
9:00am**

## **HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

meet at the Highlands Fire Shed



CFA & Community local Reconnaissance Drive. Private Vehicles must be 4WD Bring a Picnic Lunch.  
It should be a terrific Community Day. All Welcome

**Contact Jim McCooley 0418 523103**

**TODAY!**

**Sunday 30th  
November  
Entertainment  
1pm-4pm**

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**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**

**Please note: There won't be a Drinks on the Deck for December. See you all on 9th January 2015**



**Saturday 6th  
December  
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

**Saturday 6th  
December  
6:00pm**

## **RUFFY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

at Tablelands Community Centre Nolans Road Ruffy

Annual Community Christmas Tree Light-Up and Free BBQ Dinner sponsored by Ruffy CFA

All Welcome. Santa will arrive at 7:30pm. Kids gifts to John Furlanetto on the night. **Contact 0427 344956**



**Saturday 6th  
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8.00 pm**

## **RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2014"**

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd

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**Saturday 6th  
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8:00pm  
Sunday 7th  
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**Sunday 7th  
December  
10:00am**

## **HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA 70th Anniversary Celebrations**

at the Highlands Fire Shed

The 2014-15 Pre-Season meeting will be followed by an Open Day & Family BBQ to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Highlands/Caveat Rural Fire Brigade. Everybody is invited and welcome.

**For further details Contact Callum Lawson 0437 182223 or Jim McCooley 0418 532103**



**Sunday 14th  
December  
10:00am**

## **HONOURING OUR RUFFY HERO**

at Ruffy Recreation Reserve Noye Lane, Ruffy

A ceremony will be held at the Recreation Reserve, where John and Andy Wilson will be planting the Lone Pine seedling. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, which will be followed by morning tea.

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**Saturday 20th  
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