



PEOPLE AND PLACES

HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA LOCAL COMMUNITY TRUCK TREK

Again the Highlands/Caveat Fire Brigade toured the district with local community members on the annual reconnaissance drive. The turn out was supported by young and old. Long time locals enjoyed sharing their knowledge with each other and with the enthusiastic newer members of the community.

The drive started on Granite Hills Rd on what was formally Fernside Rd through the blue gum plantation, stopping briefly at the site of the old post office and well beneath the shade of the original pines. Only one tree was in our path along the track but luckily Andrew and his chainsaw were there to save the day.

We followed Fernside Rd through to Highlands Rd, but not without briefly stopping up the top of Bills Hill. We took in the scenery of the Goulburn River Valley, Larnoo and Cherry Tree Range. The weather was ideal and although it was a little hazy, the informed eye was still able to point out Cathedral Range and Mount Wombat in the distance.

After leaving Bills Hill we arrived at the base of Waggs Range and began our ascent to the top of Mt Stuart. With a creek crossing that required the odd spotter to ensure all of the cars made it across and then passage through a tight 8ft gate we climbed in convoy slowly through the bush.



Highlands/Caveat CFA accompanied by local community members on Mount Stuart

Lunch with a view was at the top with plenty of time to reminisce and share stories about the area, which was a nice break from all the driving.

The Pinnager cairn and current Trig point were a nice bit of old meets new discussion point, although for a couple of old eyes they were missed in the denseness of the bush. The descent down Mt Stuart was a bit easier for the driver, passing by the old mill and back out onto Bluetop Rd.

The turnout from such a vast array of community members, like the Ramblers walking group, showed the real passion both old and new members share for the area. The Highlands/Caveat Fire Brigade hopes that as a community we can hold these drives more often so that the knowledge of the area isn't lost in the past.

Thank you to everyone who came on the day. It was a terrific community experience. A special thank you to Jim, Tim, Callum and Andrew for organizing and plotting our course for the day.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week

Ada



**For using descriptive
language in her writing**

Well done!

Congratulations: We are very pleased for Meagan to announce that she has been successful in securing the Principal position at Middle King Lake Primary School.

Meagan has been an integral part of Highlands Primary School and the wider community for many years and she will be a sad loss to the community.

We wish her every success for the future.

By Sue Watson—Acting Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek
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READERS' WRITES

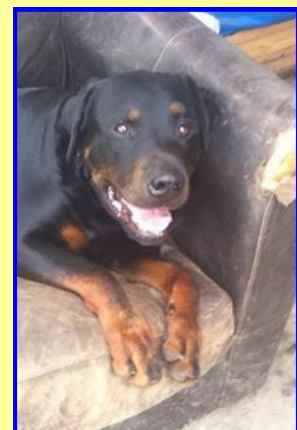
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Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
November	70.2 mm	79.5 mm
YTD	643.5 mm	719.75 mm
Nov Rain Days	8	6

MISSING DOG

**Male Rottweiler
Answers to Tyson**



Wearing a red collar with Murrindindi registration tag. He ran away Monday 24th Nov when he got spooked from the thunder. He's a very friendly dog.

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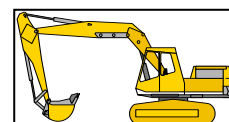
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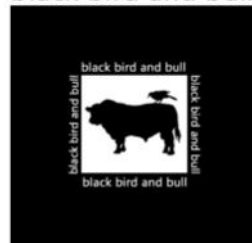


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FINDING FOXY

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Highlands Primary School

invites you to contribute to our

Photographic Exhibition themed "BELONGING"

Please take a snap shot of your connection with our beautiful district and add a few words explaining why it is special to you, for example—

Summer Dam Swim—Mt Stuart Birthday Climb—My Kitchen Table—My Best Dog

Enter as many photographs as you wish, signed or anonymous

When: January 2015 Long weekend YEA ARTS CARNIVALE

Where: Highlands Hall—the big room

How: Drop photos and supporting commentary at Highlands Primary School
into the marked cardboard box near the office. *The sooner the better !*

Queries: Maree 5730 7290 or Leone 5796 9290 ArtLeoneGabrielle@gmail.com

Unless requested otherwise, we will keep the photos to place in our community album

'An Elaborate Animal Tale'

ART EXHIBITION—at The Ruffy Store

'An Elaborate Animal Tale' is a solo exhibition of Children's Book illustrations by illustrator, Sarah Hardy.

Sarah's work is about the whimsical and the quirky, deliciously fun, as always, a little bit dreamy...she takes the task of putting smiles onto children's faces very seriously!



The exhibition is on now until late December.

Entry is free, but you're sure to fall for a yummy cake and/or a classy coffee while you're there!

If you want to know more, call Helen 5790 4387

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR DECEMBER 2014



**CFA ROSTERS
W/C
December 7th**

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe..... Driver: Tim Hayes Assistant: Peter Gramlick
- Ruffy 3rd Lieutenant Ryan Furlanetto's Team
- Highlands/Caveat Driver: Jim McCooey Radio: Sam Strong
- Terip Terip..... Captain Geoff Penny's Team

ON NOW !

**Until Late
December**

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

This is a solo exhibition of Children's Book Illustrations by illustrator Sarah Hardy
Over fifty brilliant pieces that will charm you and make you smile.



**Sunday 7th
December
10:00am**

TODAY !



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 McCooey 0418 532103



**Monday 8th
December
7:30pm**

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY

Nolans Road, Ruffy

Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. **Contact Justus 5790 4268**

**Saturday 13th
November
8:00pm
Sunday 14th
4:00pm**

EUROA CINEMA "Advanced Style"

72 mins (PG) 3.5 stars Comedy/Doco/Bio

We wanted to end the year on a bit of a high with an easy to watch, short, colourful and enjoyable movie!
This is a documentary based in New York which celebrates the style of the older woman.
NOW before you go jumping to conclusions this does not have to be a female only experience.
The women are extraordinary and worth watching and there may even be the opportunity to buy a glass of wine to celebrate another successful year.
Maybe it is even worth dressing up and making it a glamorous night out!
If you remember "Bill Cunningham-New York", the movie about the famous New York photographer - well this movie is of a similar genre and from what I can see celebrates some of the women who featured in his movie.

Why not buy a glass of wine to celebrate a lovely movie as well as the festive season. Jenny Houghton will have some of her fabulous reds as well as some crisp whites on hand at both screenings

**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.

For further Details Contact Erwin Weinmann 5790 4309

**Sunday 14th
December
2:00pm**

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY

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Changed Time

Christmas Service together with some of the Euroa congregation. Followed by a lovely afternoon tea.
All welcome.

For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233

**Monday 15th
December
8:00pm**

RUFFARTZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd

You are invited to attend the RuffArtZ AGM
Come and help us celebrate the past year and plan for an exciting 2015.
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**Saturday 20th
December
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**Wednesday 24th
December
5:30pm
Christmas Eve**



CAROLS at CAVEAT at the Caveat Church, Dropmore Road, Caveat

Come and celebrate Christmas with Carols at The Caveat Church

There will be Live Music led by Neil Lemmon
and a short Christmas message from Pastor Bob Bruce

Everybody is Welcome

For further details Contact Susan Bennett 5790 4333

