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Macquarie Perch habitat enhancement plans underway in the Hughes Creek

Works to rehabilitate in-stream habitat for endangered Macquarie perch in the Hughes Creek are being planned by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

Project Manager Christine Glassford from the Goulburn Broken CMA said the focus of the project would be to re-establish depth and shelter in the creek and re-introduce large wood (snags) to improve habitat quality and increase the resilience of the Macquarie perch population in the Creek.

"Will Trueman, author of *True Tales of the Tout Cod*, a keen fisherman and returning resident of the region, walked some of the Hughes Creek late last year and identified several degraded Macquarie perch habitat sites where works could be undertaken to increase the depth of the creek and re-introduce large wood, or snags," Ms Glassford said. "Will has a great deal of knowledge about native fish and the Hughes Creek, and we are very grateful he took the time and initiative to walk key sections of the creek and provide us with a report identifying priority sites for potential investment in in-stream habitat works.



Will Trueman discusses Macquarie perch habitat enhancement works with program manager Mark Turner

"It is hoped habitat works at these sites, which are downstream of the gorge, can once again provide suitable habitat for Macquarie perch and extend their range downstream from the gorge in the Hughes Creek.

"The three sites will be treated as trial sites initially, so fish, macro invertebrate and in stream channel feature surveys will be carried out before and after works to measure the success of the works. "This is an exciting project, and we would like to learn from it so we can apply the best techniques to achieve the outcomes we want for future native fish habitat enhancement projects in the Goulburn Broken Catchment."

Ms Glassford said.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK



Bonnie Neicho

Bonnie has been trying really hard with both her maths and writing. Well Done Bonnie!

PLAYGROUP



We held the 1st Playgroup session of the year on Thursday, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended.

Our next playgroup session will be held on Thursday the 26th March from 9.30am—11.30am, and will include some Easter activities and a special Easter Egg Hunt.

For any enquiries about Playgroup, Contact Kathryn or Maree at the school on 5796 9208. By Maree Moyle—Acting Principal, HPS

The Goulburn Broken CMA is investigating the suitability of large wood stockpiled following the recent Creighton's Creek fires, and working with adjoining landholders to negotiate and finalise agreements before works commence.

Ms Glassford said other potential sites identified in Will Trueman's report are being investigated and further habitat enhancement works could occur at other sites in the future.

For more information on the Hughes Creek Project contact Christine Glassford at the Yea office *Goulburn Broken CMA 5797 4400.*



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

Maygar's Mob V Wilderness Cricket Club

The annual Cricket Match between the above protagonists was played at the Ruffy Cricket Ground on Saturday 7th March.

Maygar's Mob, although it looked like being consumed by a reverse takeover of Fowles proportion, was topically made up of imported and Australian products.



The Wilderness was also sporting 3 newbies in "Warnie" (Herbie Warne), "Stuey" (Cameron Stewart) and "Jezza" (Jeremy Stewart) not related to any of those other sporting legends of the same names, but they've each become Wilderness legends.

The Wilderness side got off to a slow start scoring only 46 off 15 overs thanks to some fine fielding and containment bowling by

Matt, Bill, Greg and Lucien (that's not a cricketing name!). This was quickly doubled (92) by Rick and Lucien (maybe he is a French cricketer?).

After a great lunch supplied by The Weekend Local a spirited fight back led by General Fred Haig (13) and ably supported by Alan Jarrott (25) and Warnie (35no)

The Wilderness' score appeared more respectable at 177.

Maygar's looked like they were going to get the runs easily until "Cometh the man cometh the hour" (by far and away The Wilderness' most important player) the quiet, shy and retiring Maygar's batsman Will Fowles intervened. In one Cam Stewart over he ran out two batting partners before surrendering his own wicket to a blinder of a leg-side catch by The Wilderness 'keeper Tom McCooey.

Maygar's suddenly became an unruly Mob losing 6 wickets for 29 thus giving The Wilderness a sniff. Needing 34 off 30 balls with only 2 wickets in hand, The Wilderness' fielding (mostly Jezza aged 12 and the only one who could still move) and bowling (the frugal Hamish, Cookie and Stuey) actually got better and when Cam

Stewart caught and bowled Rob Martin, a Wilderness dream was turning into a Maygars "mare". The last over equation was 4 runs from 6 balls. The pressure was on, and after Alan Jarrott bowled 3 dot balls the tension was immense. Then Alan's perfectly executed full toss at leg stump (unfortunately at the top) was helped on its way to the pump shed (proving that as a cricketer Alan makes a good footballer) and Mavgar's Mob won by 2 balls.



Man of the match Mat Collis: who scored 14 including the winning runs while sporting a severely dislocated finger.

Best player for The Wilderness: Will Fowles from Maygar's for triggering a batting collapse that a sub-continent bookmaker would be proud of.

Thanks to the Umpires Duncan Ferguson and David Sleigh (Strathearn mafia), who helped keep the sledging going when the players flagged. Also to the groundsmen (Slugger and Doug) who had Maygar Park looking a picture.

This game was played in the absolute "best of spirit" and was a match that was fitting acknowledgement of the centenary of Lt. Colonel Leslie Maygar's last war.

Report by Scott McKay

Footnote: (For the few who may be unaware)

Lieutenant Colonel Leslie Cecil Maygar VC, DSO, VD (27 May 1868 – 1 November 1917)
Ruffy Grazier and Australian recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry in
the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces,
for service in the Second Boer War.

He later served at Gallipoli during WW1, being one of the last to leave. He died of wounds received at the Battle of Beersheba during the Sinai & Palestine Campaign.

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March 21st 8pm

The five piece Dixieland Jazz ensemble comprising Rob Corelli, Damien Maughan, Martin Zakharov, Andrew Werner and Rod Wilson provides an authentic live music accompaniment to the Buster Keaton silent feature film "Steamboat Bill Jr".

Sounds of Silent's collective musicianship offers a fun, mischievous and at times irreverent take on the music, occasionally straying from the original set list to provide a vibrant and entertaining musical and movie experience. This is a special event that is suitable for all ages.

Doors open at 7.30pm Show Tickets \$25 or Seasons Tickets \$75 - 4 shows for the price of 3, still available from Verena on 5790 4309

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

Terip Tennis Tournament and Court Opening

Saturday March 28th

Tournament 9:30am-6pm \$10 entry BYO picnic lunch Official Opening of Courts 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea BBQ tea following tournament presentations - \$10

We welcome everyone to join us for a great day. We really need RSVPs by Monday 16th March indicating if you are attending the tournament, opening event, evening BBQ or all day.

Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277 Helen McKenzie 5790 4211 Cindy Hayes 5790 4266 Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MARCH 2015 Ruffy1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team **CFA ROSTERS** Highlands/CaveatDriver: John McMaster Radio: Heather McCall W/C March 15th Terip Terip......2nd Lieutenant Ken Richard's Team **Every Sunday ROCKY PASSES ESTATE** 1590 Highlands Rd. Whiteheads Creek Come join us for a relaxing lunch including the famous Tapas accompanied by our estate-grown wines 11am—5pm Contact 5796 9366 Saturday 21st **EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET** Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. March 9:00am-1:00pm Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org Saturday 21st YEA HIGH SCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOLS' 155 YEAR CELEBRATION March Yea Primary School will be the focus for the early part of the day with many activities planned, including dancing, skipping demonstrations, old time games, art exhibitions and displays. 9:00am-4:00pm In the afternoon the focus shifts to the High School with the memory lane exhibition, science shows, memorabilia displays, the launch of the AYCE book and Mega Meander to name just a few of the attractions. The Pioneer Reserve will also be open on the day with displays from education's earliest days in the Yea For further Enquiries Contact Yea High School 5797 2207 RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2015" Saturday 21st Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd "Sounds of Silent" - five piece Dixieland style jazz ensemble, featuring some of Melbourne's most versatile March 8:00pm and accomplished musicians. They will provide a live soundtrack for Buster Keaton's feature film 'Steamboat Bill, Jr.' preceded by Laurel & Hardy's short and silly silent movie, 'Wrong Again'. **Doors Open** This will be a very special event that is suitable for all ages. BYO drinks and nibbles. For seasons tickets (\$75) or Show Tickets (\$25) Contact Verena on 5790 4309 Bookings Essential 7:30pm Friday 20th THE EUROA CINEMA "The Blues Brothers" 133 mins (M) Film Action/Comedy/Crime! March A cinema classic for everyone to enjoy – a great chance to see these bad boys on the big screen and 8:00pm enjoy the unforgettable car chase THE EUROA CINEMA "The Theory of Everything" (PG) 123 mins 4 stars Saturday 21st This is the story of an extraordinary human being – one of the world's living legends – Stephen Hawking. March It follows his romance with a fellow student, Jane Wilde, who fights tirelessly beside him while he embarks on 8:00pm his most important scientific work. Jane is with him when at aged 21 he is given a shattering health diagnosis Sunday 22nd which reduces his capacity to lead a full and rewarding life. 4:00pm Based on the memoir "Travelling to Infinity; My Life with Stephen Hawking" the movie stars Eddie Redmayne in an Oscar winning performance, and Felicity Jones as Jane Sunday 22nd ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This Harvest Festival Service will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. Non-perishable March items for this Harvest Festival, to pass on to charity, would be appreciated. All welcome. 11:15am For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233 "BLOWN AWAY" Italian Fire & Virtuosity at Peter Hagen's Studio, Broadford-Held in the home of Peter Hagen just out of Broadford and part of his well-established yearly concert series, Sunday 22nd March the atmosphere is authentically presented as chamber music should be; in intimate surroundings in a large 4:00pm Bookings on http://www.trybooking.com/FZZD room. "PLAYGROUP" Thursday 26th HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL at the Highlands School March Our next playgroup session will include some Easter activities and a special Easter Egg Hunt. 9:30am-11:30am Contact Kathryn or Maree 5796 9208 Thursday 26th SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat March Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. 5:30pm BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT & GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS at the Terip Recreation Reserve Saturday 28th The Annual Terip Tennis Tournament is back AND it will be played on the fabulous new ModGrass courts. March Come along with family & friends for a Teripific day. 9:30am—6:00pm BYO Picnic Lunch and a BBQ tea will be available after the tournament for \$10. RSVP Monday March 16th Contact Helen 5790 4211 or Sue 5790 4277 Sunday 29th LONGWOOD FIRE BRIGADE "THANK YOU" BBQ at the Longwood Community Centre The brigades of Longwood, Creighton's Creek, Ruffy and Gooram with support from Shire of Strathbogie, March CFA & VFBV invite all brigade members & families that attended Creightons Creek fire, to a "thank you day" 12:30pm to show our appreciation, combined with a community recovery day for fire affected residents. RSVP Robbie Rae robbie.rae@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or 0413 276 687 hursday 9th **RUFFY PLAYGROUP** at the Tablelands Community Centre Opposite The Ruffy Store Nolans Rd. April's Playgroup has been re-scheduled due to Easter. It has gone back a week to April 9th April

Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share.

Contact Sally 5790 4335

10:00am-12noon