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BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

The Cup Moth Cometh

Cup Moth larvae are eating new eucalyptus growth around Longwood and Euroa.

When I first found these interesting looking caterpillars I thought they looked very cute but on further research I found that they can become quite destructive.

They will skeletonise leaves creating an open canopy and a brown landscape rather than a blue/ green Eucalypt forest colour.

The caterpillars do not have legs, rather they move in a wave like motion.



The larva will grow up to 40mm and they can inflict painful stings. The Cup Moth is often present and this year it is over abundant. Its impact on native vegetation is not permanent although some individual trees may not recover. The threat is temporary, the bush has had a good season and is resilient to this Cup Moth invasion. The larva (or caterpillar) will pupate by constructing a cocoon. The moth emerges through a cap in the top. The cocoon is where the name "Cup Moth" comes from.

By Janet Hagen

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK



For the outstanding effort she applies to all her work, and the fact she is a great role model for other students. Well Done Lucia!

I have had time this week to reflect upon my time here at Highlands and how much I have enjoyed coming to school each day and working with this wonderful group of students. The students here are a remarkable group of young people, and I have felt privileged to work with them throughout Term 1! This was reinforced on Friday when I travelled to Melbourne with some of our senior students to the annual National Young Leaders Day. This was a fantastic day full of motivational speakers and great ideas for how students could take the lead in their own lives. Will, Lucia, Oliver and Matthew were great representatives of our school, and I was really proud of their behaviour at this event!

By Maree Moyle-Acting Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

A paraphernalia was originally all of a woman's possessions that did not automatically become her husband's property after marriage.

'Paddock to Plate' steers Fund-raiser for Highlands/Caveat CFA

On Sunday 8th of March, a true 'Paddock to Plate' function was held in Bluetop Road as a fundraiser for the Highlands/Caveat CFA.

Neil and Sue Van Buren donated their time, back yard and cooking expertise, as well as their hops-fed Hereford steer cooked to perfection on a spit. Moon Dog Brewery in Abbotsford of which the Van Buren's son, Karl, is part owner/ brewer helped provide the refreshments for the day.

There was a very enjoyable social atmosphere centred around the wood fired pizza oven, with Neil producing mouth watering pizzas in around two minutes, only for them to disappear about a minute later.

With over eighty people attending, it was a great event that included participants from all areas of the community, as well as many from the city.

We raised almost \$3000 for the day.

The Highlands/Caveat CFA would like to thank Neil and Sue and their family for their generosity and for hosting an amazing event that will be talked about for years to come.

By Melinda Bronca

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

The Desert & Friends Art & Textiles Exhibition

Andrew Bond and Lesley James



Andrew says " My illustrations have always been 'detailed and tight' so it has been a joy and challenge to work in acrylics and larger formats. It feels to me like the desert lends itself to larger canvases or the tight cropping of images to exaggerate the vastness of the landscape.

If you get caught up in the detail you almost destroy what you are trying to achieve: it's the flavour I'm trying to capture"

Lesley describes herself as "passionate about colour and I love to dabble with textures and shades.

I have interpreted the colours of the desert beginning with my woven paper cards which soon branched into framed variations of these ideas. I played with birdy mobiles, delving into my extensive bead collection. There are a couple of small crazy patchworks with some stitching which outlines the central shapes. I have also woven a few winter scarves in these same gorgeous colours, incorporating some textured yarns for a slightly wild effect."



This stunning exhibition by local Artists will open at "The Naturally Made Store" Binney St. Euroa on Saturday 28th March at 1:00pm and will run until April 19th

Contact naturallymadeleah@gmail.com or 5795 1886

Terip Tennis Tournament and Court Opening



Saturday March 28th

Tournament 9:30am-6pm
\$10 entry BYO picnic lunch
Grand Opening 2:30pm
BBQ Tea Available-\$10

Contact Sue Martin 5790 4277
Helen McKenzie 5790 4211
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50th ANNUAL SEYMOUR SHEEPDOG TRIALS

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th March 2015
at KINGS PARK — SEYMOUR

To celebrate 50 years of Dog trialling in Seymour, special rosettes and sashes
will be awarded to winners and place-getters.

A special guest of the club will be Bernie Shaw from Highlands who placed in
the Farmers Trial with his dog "Laddie" at the very first trial held in 1964.

An historical display of the 50 years will be presented in the Ken Hall Pavilion
Lunch & Morning Tea will also be available in the Ken Hall Pavilion

For enquiries Contact Di Shrapel 5792 1089 or schrapel1@activ8.net.au

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MAR/APR 2015



**CFA ROSTERS
W/C
March 22nd**

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe.....Boss: Tim Hayes Assistant: Rob Hayes
- Ruffy2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team
- Highlands/CaveatDriver: Les Lawson Radio: David Wesselman
- Terip Terip.....3rd Lieutenant Tim Lawrence's Team

TODAY !

Every Sunday
11am—5pm

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
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TODAY !

Sunday 22nd
March
11:15am

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 items for this Harvest Festival, to pass on to charity, would be appreciated. All welcome.
For any information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233

TODAY !

Sunday 22nd
March
4:00pm

"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, the atmosphere is authentically presented as chamber music should be; in intimate surroundings in a large room.
Bookings on <http://www.trybooking.com/FZZD>



Thursday 26th
March
9:30am-11:30am

HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL "PLAYGROUP" at the Highlands School
Our next playgroup session will include some Easter activities and a special Easter Egg Hunt.
Contact Kathryn or Maree 5796 9208

Thursday 26th
March
5:30pm

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.
BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks



Friday 27th
March
12 noon
until Sunday
29th March

SEYMOUR SHEEPDOG TRIALS at Kings Park, Tallarook St. Seymour
The Seymour Working Sheepdog Club presents the 50th Annual Seymour Sheepdog Trials and there will be a celebratory luncheon for past Open winners in the Ken Hall Pavilion on Saturday.
For enquiries Contact Di Shrapel 5792 1089 or schrapel1@activ8.net.au

Saturday 28th
March
9:30am—6:00pm

TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT & GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS at the Terip Recreation Reserve
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BYO Picnic Lunch and a BBQ tea will be available after the tournament for \$10.
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Saturday 28th
March
1:00pm

"THE DESERT & FRIENDS" Art & Textiles Exhibition at the Naturally Made Store, Binney St. Euroa
This exhibition by local Artists Andrew Bond and Lesley James will be open until April 19th.
The opening day will feature "Jim the Barber", a Poet Extraordinaire.
For Enquiries Contact naturallymadeleah@gmail.com or 5795 1886

Saturday 28th
March 8:00pm
Sunday 29th
4:00pm

EUROA CINEMA "Still Alice" 99 mins (M) 4 stars Drama
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It is her determination to remain connected that is amazing. The film is thought provoking, inventive and quite intense.
Julianne Moore won an Oscar for her performance and is most deserving of the award



Sunday 29th
March
12:30pm

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, CFA & VFBV invite all brigade members & families that attended Creightons Creek fire, to a "thank you day" 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

Friday 3rd
April
12:30pm

RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE "GOOD FRIDAY" LUNCH at the Ruffy Fire Shed
The Annual Ruffy Good Friday lunch & Children's Hospital Appeal is on again!
Everybody is Welcome. A terrific Seafood BBQ lunch will be served at \$15/head.
For any further information Contact Ros 0437 004066 or Kerry 5790 4392



Thursday 9th
April
10:00am-12noon

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
Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share.
Contact Sally 5790 4335

Friday 10th
April
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.
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