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Note from 'The Granite Guy', Prof. Neil Phillips

Many people have been generous supporters of the **Strathbogie Granite Project** over recent years: we are very grateful for the encouragement and access to granite outcrops on private property.

I hope that our community feedback sessions have been of some value in explaining what the granite research is about, and outlining some of our findings. We plan to continue the feedback as appropriate and as invited.

As we outlined recently at our evening session at Gooram, Professor Sandy Cruden (Head of Geosciences at Monash University) and I have offered two Honours projects in the Strathbogie area for 2015.

These have been accepted by Rachael Maxwell and Andrew Gordon who will carry out geophysical work in the district from Euroa to Gobur.



Monash University Honours students Rachael & Andrew begin their research project on the Strathbogie granite.

Rachael and Andrew will be doing their fieldwork during April with possible follow-up visits later in the year. They will be taking readings of gravity and magnetic susceptibility of the rocks, and some of this will require drilling and collecting samples about the size of a wine bottle cork.

They are under instruction to seek permission from landowners before any work is done on private property.

I will be helping to establish the field component of the research on Sat 11th April, and both Sandy and I will revisit the researchers as they proceed.

It is also important that the students have some independent time to think through their own research approaches and conclusions.

The endpoint of these two Honours projects will be higher level training for these senior students, and testing of some of our (unconstrained) ideas from the 2010-2014 field work by John Clemens and myself.

Please call me 0417 300400 if you have any questions arising from this work. I will be available until 22nd April, neil@phillipsgold.com.au
By Neil Phillips



Prof. Phillips familiarises Rachael & Andrew with the local district



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

KARAVANA ROLLS IN to ROCKY PASSES

Fresh from their national tour playing major festivals, *Karavana Flamenca* is set to take Whiteheads Creek by storm when they perform live at Rocky Passes Estate.



Karavana Flamenca plays Spanish gypsy music (rumba flamenca), traditional flamenco, and Cuban music with fire! The band fuses the roots of rumba from Africa to Cuba and its final destination, Spain with a contemporary sound. Miguel Ovejero sings in his native Spanish/Romany languages and plays flamenco guitar. Rhythm guitars, bass and percussion drive the upbeat rhythms; vocals and oud 'sing' the haunting tunes.

The gut-wrenching passion, energy, rhythm and soulful melody of Karavana Flamenca spell Gypsy Fiesta at every performance.

"The words don't matter when Ovejero sings" one reviewer exclaimed "its pure heart-wrenching emotion."

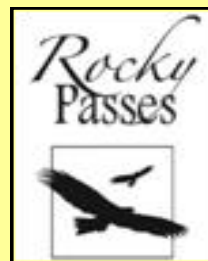
Date: Sunday 19th April at Rocky Passes Estate
1590 Highlands Rd. Whiteheads Creek

Time: Serving a selection of tapas from 12:30 pm
Music starts at around 1:00 pm

Cost: \$40 for music and food

Bookings Essential as tickets are almost gone!

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GOOD FRIDAY GOES GANGBUSTERS

If you live in the Ruffy District or were just passing through on Good Friday this year then it's more than likely you were given the opportunity to contribute to the Ruffy Fire Brigade's annual Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Two of the Brigade's three fire trucks and the Easter Bunny roamed the district visiting homes & farms, often announcing their arrival with a whoop of the siren that got the kids running and the Mums & Dad's reaching for their wallets.



'Weekender' kids from Melbourne were especially thrilled to be allowed to climb aboard fire trucks and get an experience to take back to their classroom show & tell, while motorists passing through the Ruffy crossroad were 'actively encouraged' by the CFA tin-rattlers to make their donation to the Kids' hospital.

The Good Friday Fish & Chips lunch at the Ruffy Fire Shed is established on the Easter calendar and this year the volunteers prepared and served 140 lunches.

The queue was long but the folks were patient as the hard-working volunteers did a terrific job to ensure that everyone was fed. As usual, the selection of cakes and slices for dessert also went down a treat.

Ruffy CFA's new medium fire tanker was on display and the kids got an up close and personal look at it's water cannon capability as well as the opportunity to play Fire-fighter by donning CFA protective clothing and receiving some basic instruction in fire-hose technique.

A wonderful community effort raised \$1300 for the Royal Children's Hospital and an even wonderfuller effort from the Ruffy Brigade's catering crew and other members who gave up their Good Friday for this extremely worthy cause.

By Colleen Furlanetto & Don Cook



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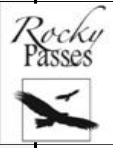
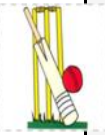
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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR APRIL/MAY 2015

TODAY !

TODAY !



Every Sunday 11am—5pm	ROCKY PASSES ESTATE <i>Come join us for a relaxing lunch including the famous Tapas accompanied by our estate-grown wines</i> Contact 5796 9366	1590 Highlands Rd. Whiteheads Creek
Sunday 12th April 11:15am	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For any information contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233	Ruffy Road, Terip Terip 
Monday 13th April 7:30pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. Contact Justus 5790 4268	Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)
Friday 17th April 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) <i>"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"</i> BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share Contact Henry 5790 4246	Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road
Saturday 18th April 9am-1:00pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org	Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa
Saturday 18th April 10:30am	'WILDERNESS' vs 'RIVERINE' ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH The annual challenge match with the boys from across the border is on again. Post Match Dinner will be at the Beechworth Brewery Currently we have a team but all are welcome to come watch score or Umpire. Contact Scott McKay 0427 969259	at Latrobe Cricket Ground Beechworth
Saturday 18th April 8:00pm Sunday 19th April 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Second Best Marigold Hotel" How could you beat the first Marigold Hotel movie? This fabulous cast of actors has given their all again. Sonny takes on more than he can handle by expanding his hotel empire with the help of Muriel (Maggie Smith). There is an irresistible Indian wedding; breakfast dates between Evelyn (Judi Dench) and Douglas (Bill Nighy); romances on several fronts between Norman and Carol, Diana and two eligible suitors, and Sonny's mother and Richard Gere. You could not ask for more from a movie but be relieved at the end that it is not happening to you!	122 mins (PG) 3.5 stars Comedy
Sunday 19th April 11:00am-4pm	EUROA HOSPITAL GARDEN PARTY It will be great day for all the family for a very worthy local cause. Entry \$10, with children under 18 free. Details on www.euroa.org.au or phone Jim 0417 392880	at The Sevens Creek Estate, Seven Creeks Estate Rd., Euroa
Sunday 19th April 12:30pm	KARAVANA FLAMENCA Come and be entranced by the live music of Karavana Flamenca and their true interpretation of Spanish Gypsy music. Enjoy a famous Tapas lunch and sample a drop of the Estate Wine. Cost is \$40 for Lunch & Music and Bookings are essential on 5796 9366	at Rocky Passes 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek
Saturday 25th April 2:00pm	BOOK LAUNCH — Dennis Spiteri's paintings Dennis' Book of Paintings 1969-2015 in three volumes will be launched, along with his latest exhibition "Klingsor's Garden" RSVP to Dennis 5796 9373 dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au	at The Hillcrest Studio Old Highlands Rd Highlands
Thursday 30th April 5:30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.	Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
Saturday 2nd May 9am-12noon	HIGHLANDS WORKING BEE There will be a working bee at the Highlands Community Hall on Saturday 2nd May from 9am - 12 noon. Please bring appropriate tools & join us for a morning of pruning, weeding & brush cutting as well as the opportunity for catching up with friends at a BBQ lunch. For more information contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 or Judy Reid 5796 9358	at the Highlands Community Hall
Monday 18th May 8:00pm	RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329	Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road