



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Catch Dem Pesky Wabbits

(and win great prizes!)



HCCC Landcare has declared "Rabbit Season Competition" opens in Hughes Creek Catchment for the month of May.

Start planning your attack now. Go rabbit hunting during May, harvest lots of rabbits, remove their tails and deliver them to your local Landcare members to win interesting and valuable prizes.

Competition Categories:

- Most tails collected by a junior hunter (primary school age)
- Most tails collected by a regular hunter (most of us)
- Most tails collected by a veteran hunter (over 70 years old)

Tail Collection Points:

- Highlands** - Susan Milroy
Scott McKay or Richard Wallis
- Caveat** - Michael Kopanica
- Hughes Creek** - Rob Hayes
or Pete Gramlick
- Ruffy** - Simone Ulstrup or Janet Hagen
- Whiteheads Creek** - David Freeman

You can also leave your collection of tails in any of the Granite News mail boxes but please seal them in a plastic bag and clearly label them with your contact details.

For more details contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268



STUDENT of the WEEK



Daniel Deglaitis.
Daniel receives the award this week because he has had a fantastic start to Term 2. It has been great to see you working hard to improve your writing and maths skills.
Well Done Daniel!

Playgroup: Just a reminder that we will be running fortnightly playgroup sessions throughout Term 2. Playgroup runs each fortnight on Fridays from 9.30am—11am. Playgroup will run on the following Fridays throughout Term 2:

- ☐ Friday 17th April ☐ Friday 1st May
- ☐ Friday 15th May ☐ Friday 29th May
- ☐ Friday 12th June

If you have any inquiries about playgroup, please contact the school on **5796 9208**

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007
To subscribe online go to www.highlands.org.au

Temporary Closure of Ghin Ghin Bridge

Ghin Ghin Bridge is to be replaced with a new two-lane bridge that will increase the load-carrying capacity and extend its life cycle to beyond 100 years.

The bridge will be temporarily closed to the public during May so that preliminary preparation works can begin, before full works start in June.

The bridge will be closed from 4 May until 8 May between the hours of 9am and 2.30pm.

A full closure of the bridge will then be required for approximately three weeks. It is anticipated that this will take place from 20 June.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Infrastructure Assets De-



SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

"The countryside" is an anagram of "no city dust here"

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Classifieds and Community Notices

Macquarie perch to benefit from salvaged bushfire timber

Stock piled wood salvaged from the December 2014 Creighton's Creek fires has been trucked to three sites on the Hughes Creek upstream of Avenel to improve habitat for endangered Macquarie perch.

Project Manager Christine Glassford from the Goulburn Broken CMA said the focus of the project was to re-establish depth and shelter in the creek by placing the salvaged timber in three pools to encourage scouring of the bed.

"Several truck & trailer loads of salvaged timber from the Creighton's Creek fires have been taken to 3 degraded habitat pools suitable for Macquarie perch,"



Unloading timber at a habitat pool

"The aim is to reinstate depth within the pools and provide shelter to sustain populations of Macquarie perch, and to increase the resilience of the Macquarie perch population in the Hughes Creek.

"Sand has been deposited in these pools over the years and has reduced the depth and habitat quality for Macquarie perch and other aquatic species. The large wood will be placed strategically to encourage the movement of some sand to deepen the pools and provide shelter."

Scientists from the Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) undertook fish surveys in the Hughes Creek just before Easter and found Macquarie perch at each of the three pools, although ARI Applied Aquatic Ecology Scientist Joanne Kearns suggests the perch presently exist in sub-optimal habitat.

"Some sites where Macquarie perch were found can be considered sub-optimal, so further depth and structural enhancements will be very beneficial," Ms Kearns said. "The wood will also lead to an increase in the variety

and number of macro-invertebrate (aquatic bugs) on which the perch can feed."

Ms Kearns said the results of the fish surveys in the Hughes Creek were encouraging, with numbers of Blackfish and Macquarie perch in the 'gorge section' of the creek being the highest seen for many years. "It was particularly pleasing to find several young-of-year fish, which have hatched from eggs spawned during spring last year and many one year old fish in this section," she said.

A number of sites were surveyed between Avenel and the Goulburn River, but no Macquarie perch were found.

Anglers are reminded that taking Macquarie perch from the Hughes Creek or Goulburn River (or any tributaries) is prohibited.

For more information on the Hughes Creek Project contact Christine Glassford, Yea office of Goulburn Broken CMA on 5797 4400



'Klingsor's Garden'

An exhibition of paintings by Dennis Spiteri

Also book launch of

Dennis Spiteri Paintings: 1969 – 2015

A survey of the artist's work in 3 volumes

At Hillcrest Gallery 33 Old Highlands Rd. Highlands

The exhibition will run from April 25 – May 24

Official opening and book launch: Saturday April 25 at 2pm

(Please RSVP if you are attending the opening)

Gallery hours: 10am – 4pm everyday for the length of the exhibition

Contact 5796 9373 or dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au



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

**Sunday 19th
April
12:30pm**

KARAVANA FLAMENCA

at Rocky Passes 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek

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



ROCKY PASSES ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED — Friday 24th April — No Tapas Night

We will also be Closed Sunday 26th April, so no Argentinian BBQ
We'll re-open for the Argentinian BBQ every Sunday in May....Remember, May is Aussie Wine Month

**ANZAC
DAY**



SPECIAL ANZAC 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE at the TERIP TERIP Recreation Reserve

Saturday 25th April at 9:00am

All are Welcome at our special service for this milestone ANZAC anniversary.

The famous Terip Terip morning Tea will follow the service.

**Saturday 25th
April
2:00pm**

BOOK LAUNCH — Dennis Spiteri's paintings

at The Hillcrest Studio Old Highlands Rd Highlands

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



**Saturday 25th
April 8:00pm**

EUROA CINEMA "Birdman"

119 mins (MA15+) 4 stars Comedy

This Oscar winning movie is a black comedy that tells the story of an actor (Michael Keaton) famous for portraying an iconic superhero, as he struggles to mount a Broadway play. In the days leading up to opening night, he battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career, and himself.

Be mindful of the rating on this movie—young people under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult or entry will be refused

**Sunday 26th
April 4:00pm**

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY

will offer a different style of service again on Sunday, 26 April.

You are invited to enjoy a community afternoon at **Helen McKenzie's "Kendalee"** in Terip Terip.

At 2.30 pm there will be singing at 'The Rock', followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share. Helen will be prepared for all weather conditions.

For any enquires, please contact Helen and Donna on 5790 4211

**Sunday 26th
April
2:00 pm
Onwards**

**Thursday 30th
April
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 1st
May
9:30am—11am**

HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL "PLAYGROUP"

at The Highlands Primary School

Mums, Dads, Babies & Toddlers are warmly invited to come along. **Contact the School 5796 9208**

**Saturday 2nd
May
9am-12noon**

HIGHLANDS WORKING BEE

at the Highlands Community Hall

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

**Saturday 2nd
May
9am—2pm**

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**Saturday 2nd
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Doors Open
7.30pm**

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Tickets \$25 pp Contact Verena on 5790 4309 Bookings Appreciated

**Friday 8th
May
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.

All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. **Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247**

**Monday 11th
May
7:30pm**

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY

Nolans Road, Ruffy (Opposite The Ruffy Store)

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

**Monday 18th
May
8:00pm**

RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road

Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome.

Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329

TODAY!

