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BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

Watch out for Wasps

An increased number of European wasps has been reported in areas from Kobyboyn / Highlands to Ruffy.

In autumn new colonies are being established by the young queen wasps leaving the hive.

Usually these wasps do not survive our cold winters but an unusually mild winter in 2014 and a cool summer in 2015 has provided them with ideal breeding conditions.

Now is the time to destroy these nests but finding them is difficult.

Tracking single wasps back to the nest is very time consuming.



The European wasp *Vespula germanica*

One wasps nest holds thousands, and a 3 hectare area can have 50-150 nests. These nests are mostly in moist areas along dam walls and creek lines.

Our reporter found a nest every 30 metres down his creek and successfully treated them at night with 'Wasp Power' from Wales Rural in Seymour (one of our generous sponsors).

I'm going to try the canned dog food and liquid ant rid method.

Two tablespoons of dog food. Mix in half a little bottle of Ant Rid and place in a weather covered open dish (obviously not where your dog can get it).

The poisoned food is carried to the queen, so kills the colony.

Many alternative methods can also be found on the Internet.

By Janet Hagen

MY LOCAL ICON



What sort of beast is this lurking in Alex Rowan's paddock?

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK EZEKIEL



*For his enthusiasm and fantastic ideas in narrative writing this week.
Well Done Ezekiel*

Cluster Cross Country:

On Wednesday we travelled to Eildon to participate in the Cluster Cross Country. Despite a cold start, the weather was



very kind to us throughout the day.

All our students who participated in the Cross Country should be very proud of their efforts, as Kathryn and I were.

We did have a number of students place in the top 10 in their age groups and these students were Lucia – 1st place, Max – 2nd place, Ada – 6th place and Will – 9th place.

Lucia will go on to the zone cross country event, and Will may also go. It was fantastic to see all the students cheering on and supporting one another for each event. Once again, Well Done to all students for the fantastic effort and behaviour they displayed on the day.

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



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Hughes Creek
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REWARDS for RABBITS



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
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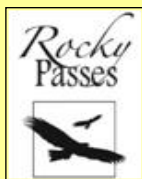
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Classifieds and Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON



MAY is AUSSIE WINE MONTH at ROCKY PASSES ESTATE

*Parillada Argentina Typical Argentinian BBQ every Sunday
in May*

*Asado (Beef Ribs) Pollo (Chicken) & Chorizo (Pork Sausage)
Served with salad, garlic potatoes, roasted tomatoes & the famous
Chimichurri salsa*

All cooked on a wood fire \$30 per person Sundays

May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Serving from 1 pm

Bookings essential

Please call 57969366

contact@rockypasses.com.au



RuffArtZ BAND PLAYS WALTZING MATILDA

Saturday May 2nd

"Taliska" will present the much loved music of Scotland.

*They have captivated and educated audiences for the past 5 years with their
beautiful, soaring songs, airs and lively jigs and reels.*

*The versatile musicianship is displayed throughout the show with the sounds of
pipes, whistles, fiddle, guitar, cello, harp, French horn and drum and the
stirringly beautiful voice of Claire Patti.*

*Of particular interest is their telling of
the journey of the song we all know as
Waltzing Matilda.*

*With both traditional and contemporary
Scottish music showcased*

*Taliska will provide a most inspirational
and entertaining evening of music.*

*Doors open at 7.30pm with show
commencing at 8pm*

Tickets \$25 by contacting Verena on 5790 4309 or at alpli@yahoo.com.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 Department on 5772 0333**



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**Shivviness is an old Yorkshire
word for the uncomfortable
feeling of wearing
new underwear.**

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



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

ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY

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

**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**

**Friday 1st
May**
7:30pm

HCCC LANDCARE MEETING

at The Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

Monthly Landcare meeting to discuss current and future Landcare initiatives. All Welcome
Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268



**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

YEA COUNTRY MARKET

Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea

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**Saturday 2nd
May 8:00pm**

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**Saturday 2nd
May**
**8.00 pm
Doors Open
7.30pm**

RuffArtZ "Season of Saturdays 2015"

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd

"Taliska" will captivate and enthrall you with their traditional and contemporary Scottish soulful and foot tapping jigs and reels. Pipes, harp, cello, fiddle, guitar, French horn and beautiful bell like vocals deliver the much loved music of Scotland. Follow the journey of the tune that we know as Waltzing Matilda from the wild coast of Scotland to the sunny Australian shore. BYO drinks and nibbles.

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

**Wednesday 6th
May**
7:30pm

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to hear about activities since February and to consider and advance local projects and ideas. Be part of an active community! Everyone is Welcome.

For information, contact Justus Hagen, President, 5790 4268

**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**

**Friday 15th
May**
7:00pm

RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!)

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road

"Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!"

BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share **Contact Henry 5790 4246**

**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

