



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK

This week's student of the week is

S. Gabrielle

This student receives the student of the week award this week because he has been working hard and has had such a positive attitude towards his learning.

Well Done! It has been great to see you working hard to improve your writing and maths skills.



Term 2 is now well and truly underway and students have once again been busily working away on a number of different projects across a range of curriculum areas.

These projects have included Children as Authors, Boite Choir preparations, Kidpreneur and of course, our integrated studies which have been focusing on ANZAC Day.

Playgroup: Our Playgroup is going really well and we are seeing more pre-schoolers and parents coming along each time.

It's proving to be a wonderful social forum for the children and the adults alike. The next Playgroup is Friday May 15th from 9:30am-11am. All Welcome

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR ?

I was talking to a farming friend a couple of weeks back. He told me of his anxiety due to a close neighbour who he believed was not behaving as a responsible rural landholder. My friend is a 3rd generation farmer with a quiet non confrontational style, but the anxiety was etched on his face as he talked about the effect on his own farming operation that his errant neighbour was having.

He was stuck between the temptation to make a report to authorities and the Australian ethos of not dobbing people in.

It got me thinking about the wider issue of rural landholders who, while seeking the benefits of a quiet life in the country, fail to understand the responsibilities that go hand-in-hand with rural land ownership.

Most of us could think of an immediate or adjacent neighbour whose lack of responsibility has had an environmental or financial effect on our own operation.

The most common issues would be lack of weed and/or vermin control, as well as fencing issues but how many of us have also been genuinely upset when we've looked over the fence at a neighbour's under-fed or starving livestock?

Regarding weed & vermin control it may help to talk to your neighbour about the terrific support available from Landcare, with low-cost hire of spray units, chemical subsidies and the 50% rabbit ripping subsidy.

If that doesn't work, then perhaps you could remind them that the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** states:

20/ General duties of land owners

(1) In relation to his or her land a land owner must take all reasonable steps to—
(a) avoid causing or contributing to land degradation which causes or may cause damage to land of another land owner; and (b) conserve soil; and (c) protect water resources; and (d) eradicate regionally prohibited weeds; and (e) prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds; and (f) prevent the spread of, and as far as possible eradicate, established pest animals.

By Don Cook



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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REWARDS for RABBITS



HCCC Landcare has declared
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opens in Hughes Creek Catchment for
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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

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

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 Murrindindi Shire Council's Infrastructure Assets Department on 5772 0333



The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

We encourage our readers to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community.

We certainly encourage feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in **The Granite News**

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WHIMSICAL COMEDY FOR FILM SOCIETY

On Friday May 15 the **Murrindindi Film Society** will show the delightful Scottish comedy **Local Hero** on DVD.

Doors open at the Yea Shire Chambers at 6.45 for drinks and nibbles.

Made in 1984, this quirky film pits a brash American oil company executive against crafty locals in a fictional town on the West Coast of Scotland.

It stars Burt Lancaster, Peter Riegert and a young Peter Capaldi, who currently has the role of TV's Dr Who. Director Bill Forsyth focuses on developing the very human characters in the story and the humour is warm and gentle. One critic has described it as "not quite a fairy tale".

Filmed in several locations around Scotland, the cinematography is excellent and the scenery very easy on the eye. The musical score by Dire Straits' guitarist Mark Knopfler has been widely praised and the evocative theme tune has become a great favourite in Scotland and beyond, often rendered plaintively on the pipes.

The Society hopes that as many as possible will take the opportunity to enjoy this charming, but rarely screened production.

Prospective members and first time guests will be made welcome are invited to attend free-of-charge.

Contact Jill Dwyer on 5797 2480 jill.dwyer@bigpond.com

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In Tudor English, a gandermoon was a man who flirted with other women while his wife recovered from childbirth.

Provincial Precipitation

Month	High-lands	Ruffy
April	52.8mm	66.75mm
2015 Total	171.2 mm	208.25 mm
April Rain Days	13	7

Flamenco returns to Rocky Passes Sunday 24th May compliments of Flamenco Fiesta!



Karavana Flamenca enjoyed playing at Rocky Passes so much on the 19th, that some want to come back to play for you at the 24th of May Aussi Wine Month BBQ!

The **Flamenco Fiesta** trio plays a style of instrumental or vocal music originating from southern Spain. It is typically intensely rhythmic and improvisatory, performed by itself or as an accompaniment to flamenco dancing. Come and learn how to dance and keep the flamenco rhythm!

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MAY 2015

TODAY !



Sunday 3rd May 1:00pm	ROCKY PASSES ESTATE 1590 Highlands Road, Whiteheads Creek Paradilla Argentina Typical Argentinian BBQ Cooked on a Wood Fire <i>Bookings Essential Please Call 5796 9366</i>
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. <i>For information, contact Justus Hagen, President, 5790 4268</i>
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
Saturday 9th May 8:00pm Sunday 10th May 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Mr Turner" 149 mins (M) Bio/Drama 4 stars An in depth exploration of the life of renowned British painter J M W Turner. The movie follows him on his travels where he stays with the aristocracy while he paints, his relationships with his housekeeper and then a seaside lady with who he lives incognito until his death. A life lived to the full - he even strapped himself to the mast of a ship so he could paint a snowstorm, such was his dedication. A celebrated painter whose story is revealed in a movie which has generated considerable interest and which we have received several requests to screen.
Sunday 10th May 11:15am "Mothers Day"	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service will be conducted with Holy Communion by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. <i>For any information contact Jennifer Penny on 5790 4233</i>
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 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 15th May 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road <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
Saturday 16th May 9am—1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org
Sunday 17th May 10:00am	HIGHLANDS CFA WOOD COLLECTION at Gum Road Caveat Wood collection Day for the Mud-Bash for the CFA. Lunch and some refreshments provided. <i>For further information please contact Callum 0437 182 223</i>
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
Sunday 24th May 2:00pm	ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip Heritage Day. Listen to some interesting stories from the past of our Church. It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate for afternoon tea to share. All welcome. <i>For any information contact Sue Martin 5790 4277</i>