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Update on the Hughes Creek Macquarie perch Project

by Christine Glassford

We have proceeded with the habitat works over a 2km stretch of stream below the gorge as proposed in the last update. Myself and other CMA staff had an informal training day with Prof Robert Keller on site, which enabled us to learn more about scour creation. This learning guided us in the design and placement of in-stream structures to enhance habitat, in particular with re-establishment of depth.



Around 50 structures were installed throughout the three work trial sites, including an additional two log jam constrictions between sites 1 and 2.

Large boulders and logs (including some of the timber sourced from Creighton's Creek fire stockpiles) were placed in various configurations throughout each site to induce scour, protect/stabilise areas of deposition and increase shelter. In each instance we worked with the stream's natural preference for position of primary flow or meander within the channel.



We will fly the site with a drone to capture high quality aerial imagery that we can overlay with other spatial data, including the pre work physical survey. This will be very useful for recording and monitoring purposes, in addition to having a great way to display the works undertaken to an audience.

Thanks to CMA colleague, Collin Tate, and the contractor, Chad Parker, for their great work.



STUDENT of the WEEK

MAX McALPIN



Max receives the student of the week award this week because of the persistence and courage he showed whilst completing the 2 green courses on our Treetops excursion.

Well Done Max! We are really proud of you!!

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS

We recently received the summary results for the fish survey work undertaken on the Hughes Creek. The results have been consistently good across all Macquarie perch waterways monitored, reflecting successful spawning the past two seasons. Important to note, Macquarie perch were found within each of the three works trial sites, despite the habitat being considered sub optimal prior to works, so we will hope the habitat enhancement undertaken will better support these fish within this stretch of stream.



The two Macquarie perch signs have been installed.

One is near the Old Hume bridge in Avenel and the other is located at a day visitor area off Hughes Creek Road.



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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READERS' WRITES

"It is with a great sense of relief that we, the locals opposed to Strawberry Fields, acknowledge their decision to withdraw the music festival from Gum Rd, Caveat.

A closer examination of the festival revealed several flaws in their application data, particularly in relation to noise and traffic management. The fact is that Harmonic Solutions (the group behind Strawberry Fields) has never had its data seriously challenged before. Their withdrawal hinges primarily on their failure to meet E.P.A. and council guidelines.

I would like to thank the 135 individuals who signed the petition opposing the festival; those people who were prepared to look beyond the glossy P.R. surface of Strawberry Fields, to voice their concerns publicly and stick to their guns when it was not perceived to be a popular thing to do.

A big thankyou must go to those who put their money where their mouth is in seeking impartial, professional expertise on the issue of noise disturbance and, in doing so, spared over 100 households from being detrimentally impacted by the excessive music noise proposed by the festival organisers."

Susan Bennett —Caveat

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

The Tablelands BRIC-a-BRAC SHOP

At The Community Centre (Opposite The Ruffy Store)

WINTER RECESS

The 'Bric-a-Brac' Shop will be going into Winter Recess after the June long weekend. We will close at 3pm Monday June 8th and we'll re-open in the Spring. We thank all of our sellers, our buyers and our Volunteers who have made our first season an outrageous success.

For any further information **Contact Fiona Steel 0427 690970**

JANE BUNN

at Whitehead's Creek

Whitehead's Creek Landcare Group is pleased to present Jane Bunn, familiar to many as the face of Win News weather and lately, 7 News, who will speak on all things to do with the weather and climate.



Jane Bunn is a qualified meteorologist from Melbourne with an infectious enthusiasm for talking about the weather.

With a Bachelor of Science degree from Monash University (majoring in Atmospheric Science & Mathematics), Jane was one of nine students from Australia selected in 2006 to undertake a Graduate Diploma of Meteorology provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.

As part of her studies she also spent a semester at Pennsylvania State University, one of the leading meteorology schools in the US. After graduation Jane was appointed as a forecaster with the BOM – posted initially to the Sydney office and later to Canberra as well as the RAAF's Williamstown Base.

In 2008 Jane joined The Weather Channel as the morning meteorologist, before moving on to WIN News to explain the highs and lows of regional Victoria's weather where she proved hugely popular.

As a weather consultant, Jane also provides advice to farming communities throughout Victoria, as well as the Country Fire Authority, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and a large number of organisations in the agricultural sector. More recently she has presented the weather report for ABC News 24 and the ABC's primary 7pm news bulletin in Melbourne. Jane also has a Graduate Certificate in Journalism from Charles Sturt University, and she maintains a strong social media presence through her Twitter account, @janesweather7

**The event is on Sunday 14th June at 2pm
at the Whiteheads Creek Hall
All are welcome. Entry is \$10.00.
Contact Philip Smith 0439 371279
philip.smith49@bigpond.com**

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

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Correction

The phone number & email address for bookings to the Jane Bunn talk at Whiteheads Creek were incorrect in last week's Granite News.

The correct contact details are

0439 371279
philip.smith49@bigpond.com

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SAD but TRUE

Fish on Prozac: Around 1 in 4 people in Montreal take some kind of anti-depressant and, according to new research; the drugs are passing into the waterways through sewage treatment plants, accumulating in fish tissues and affecting the fishes' brain activity. Source: *Newstreams*.

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JUNE 2015

TODAY !



Sunday 31st May 4:00pm	THE TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE Opposite The Ruffy Store This months meeting will incorporate a Working Bee on the grounds of the facility. All committee members are encouraged to attend to discuss the way forward with current projects Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268
Saturday 6th June 9:00am-2pm	YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry
Saturday 6th June 8:00pm Sunday 7th June 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Big Eyes" 104 mins (M) Bio Drama 3.5 stars Based on the true story of Walter Keane who was a successful painter in the 1950-60's. He gained a reputation for his commercialisation of popular art with his enigmatic paintings of waifs with big eyes....however the truth was that the art was not his—but that of his wife, Margaret, and that the lie was soon to be revealed. The movie follows her awakening as an artist and the tumultuous relationship that developed with her husband while she tries to claim credit for her work. Starring Amy Adams and Christoph Waltz
Friday 12th June 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 12th June 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
Sunday 14th June 2:00pm	JANE BUNN at WHITEHEADS CREEK at the Whiteheads Creek Hall The Whiteheads Creek Landcare group presents TV personality and qualified meteorologist Jane Bunn who will talk about all things weather and climate. All Welcome Entry \$10 Contact Philip Smith 0439 371279 philip.smith49@bigpond.com
Sunday 14th June 4:00pm 	"Bouncing Back from Adversity Focusing on Health, Wellbeing and Resilience" At the RUFFY FIRE SHED This one hour interactive session will include: *How to make sure your mates are okay *How to better look after yourself *Where to access support and assistance *Risk and preventative factors *Understanding what actions we can take that lead to better mental health and wellbeing RSVP to Robbie Rae 5795 0152 or 0413 276 687 or John Furlanetto 0427344956
Friday 19th June 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
Friday 19th June 7:30pm	HCCC LANDCARE MEETING  at the Whiteheads Creek Hall Regular Monthly meeting to discuss local environmental initiatives. All Welcome Contact Janet 5790 4268
Saturday 20th June 9am—1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org
Thursday 25th June 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
Saturday 25th JULY 7:00pm	CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT TERIP TERIP at the Terip Recreation Reserve Drag out your Santa suits and come dressed in theme for a traditional Christmas Dinner \$20 pp / \$50 family – Dinner and Entertainment RSVP 11th July – Robyn richards@4upskilling.com.au Helen 57904211

