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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Vale Joan Kirner

Patron of Landcare Council of Victoria

It is with sadness that the Local Landcare groups acknowledge the passing of Joan Kirner, who can count the founding of Landcare among her many achievements.

Many of us can clearly remember the day Joan as Minister for Conservation Forests and Lands came to Whitehead's Creek to launch the Landcare group at the home of Alan and Maxine Coulson. We were the second formed in the country if not the world. Joan had only just met us all, but she noted that Landcare brought together the traditional farmers and new residents and "greenies" in common cause to restore the land. She was well respected by all of us, and still remembered fondly to this day.

Landcare was a catalyst in those days to bring the community together.

—Lesley Dalziel, Whiteheads Creek



Jock Wallis (Chairman of WCLG) receiving WCLG Landcare Certificate off Joan Kirner, 1987.

Joan Kirner herself said that Landcare was one of her best achievements. The tens of thousands of members of groups and networks across Australia would gratefully agree. Landcare empowers communities with its autonomy, flexibility, training, creativity and multi-disciplinary approach, and is a wonderful force for social cohesion and reconciliation. It encourages the conception, planning and management of major regional projects, and the most advanced networks run as community enterprises under boards, generally with a cricket team of part-time paid co-ordinators. Landcare has greatly helped change and restore our landscapes, and has since spread to over twenty other countries. Joan, with her background in local activism, huge drive and empathy and big-picture approach, got it under way in late 1986 soon after becoming Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands. With her total commitment to better education, she would appreciate its very effective Junior Landcare programs, especially in Africa. Thank you, Joan!

— Rob Youl, Chair ALI (Australian Landcare International)

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



STUDENT of the WEEK OLIVER WISCHER



Oliver receives the award this week because of how hard he has been working over the last couple of weeks to improve his handwriting. Well Done Oliver for the extra effort you have been putting in to your writing!

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

FOX ON THE RUN 2015 TEAM WITH THE MOST FOX TAILS WINS !



HCCC Landcare is once again running the "Fox on the Run" competition for the months of

June and July.

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hughes.creek1@gmail.com

or call

Susan 5796 9192

or Simone 5790 4146



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2015 Total	232.8 mm	283.75 mm
May Rain Days	15	9

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LOCAL GOINGS ON



Resilient Sustainable Agriculture
Enhancing Farmer's Skills and Knowledge

Cattle and Sheep Management Workshop

- Demonstration of animal behaviour & stock handling in cattle and sheep yards.
- Yard design, having the right equipment and reasons for yard weaning & containment areas.
- Stock health when weaning and dry seasons, and what is new in stock health.
- What are the benefits of pregnancy testing/scanning and then how do we manage the stock.
- Skills in assessing ewe scoring – hands on in yards
- What drives our farmers and what direction do they take in the markets and farming.

Where? Charlie & Marie Crocker's – Merangul Farm
172 Peck Road Violet Town (Look out for Landcare signs)

When? Friday 19th June, 9.00 am – 3pm

The day will be presented by:

- *Brian Cummings*—Agriculture Consultant
- *Jason Trompf*—Agriculture Consultant
- *Jim Walsh*—Veterinary and technical advisor at Coopers Animal Health
- *John Kelly*—Kelly Brook Farm Euroa
- *Charlie Crocker*—Merangul Farm Violet Town

Please RSVP by the 16th June – this is a free event
(Please wear suitable clothing for outdoors)
Morning tea & lunch provided so please do RSVP
For more information contact

Kerri Robson 5763 2465, 0418 140710

landcare2@iinet.net.au

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TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

FOR SALE

Now that we have a larger permanent stage at the Highlands Community Hall we no longer need our MDF boxes which extended our stage. We have 5 folding 20mm MDF hinged boxes each 1.2m x 1m x .615m. If you are interested **Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247**

WANTED

Farm Quad Bike

I'm looking to buy an old but reliable farm quad bike.

Preferably Honda/Yamaha/Polaris but anything considered

If you have one to sell, please call **Norm 0418 379401**

SELL IT—BUY IT FIND IT—RENT IT

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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**

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JUNE 2015

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**

Saturday 13th June 1:00pm-3pm **FREE SCREENING of "FAIR FOOD"** at Rocky Passes Estate 1590 Highlands Rd W'heads Creek
Fair Food - Australia's first food politics documentary
Please RSVP before Wednesday 10th June contact@rockypasses.com.au **5796 9366**

Saturday 13th June 8:00pm **EUROA CINEMA "Infinitely Polar Bear" 90 mins (M) Bio/Drama/Comedy 3.5 stars**
An autobiography of a man who suffers bipolar disorder. He is forced to leave his family after a breakdown but he works hard to rebuild his relationship with his two daughters. When his wife decides to go to business school in New York, he moves back to the family home to care for his girls.
Sunday 14th June 4:00pm
This leads to a series of quirky, funny and sometimes disastrous and frightening episodes.

Sunday 14th June 10:15 Meeting 11:15 Service **ST.DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY** Ruffy Road, Terip Terip
An important meeting will be held at the Church Hall at 10.15 am to discuss details of a grant application. This will be followed by the church service at 11.15 am. All Welcome
For any further information **Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233**

Sunday 14th June 1:00pm **ROCKY PASSES ESTATE** 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek
Our famous Argentinean Barbeque is on again!...YUMMM !!
For Bookings Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au

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 *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

Thursday 18th June 7:00pm **HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE** at the Highlands Fire Shed
Annual End of Season Meeting. All members are advised and encouraged to attend.
Contact Melinda Bronca 0417 126975

WINTER RECESS

RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road
The ever popular Happy Hour will go into Winter Recess for the months of June/July/August
We'll reconvene on the 3rd Friday of each month from September. We hope to see you then.

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 June 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