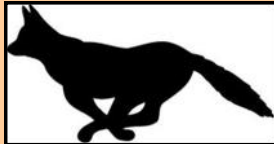




**Hughes Creek**  
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## FOX ON THE RUN COMPETITION 2015



The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare group are once again holding a fox hunting competition over the months of June and July 2015.

A grand prize of \$500 cash and a trophy will be awarded to the team/individual with the most foxes shot, with a second prize of \$250 awarded to runners up in each category.

Teams and individuals need to register their interest prior to the competition finishing.

All entrants receive a Hughes Creek Collaborative fox logo beanie and "Tenterfield" style fox whistle.

A presentation night will be held in August, with the dates and venue to be advised.

Tails can be handed in after July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Ruffy: Simone 5790 4146**  
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**Ruffy: Janet 5790 4268**  
[jhhagen@gmail.com](mailto:jhhagen@gmail.com)

For more information please contact Simone  
[hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

Conditions do apply and registration forms need to be submitted.



## STUDENT of the WEEK LUCIA



Lucia receives the student of the week award because of how she always supports and encourages all students, and because of the positive attitude she has towards her school work.

Well Done Lucia!  
You are a positive role model for all students!

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS

## SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

The deliberate use of old fashioned language in modern writing is called gadzookery.



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## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### FOX NUMBERS DOWN.... MARSUPIAL NUMBERS UP

Reports of brush-tailed phascogale sightings in our area have increased in recent weeks.

Could this be the result of decreased predation by foxes? Many shooters have been active during autumn especially members of the Field and Game Association.

Fox populations are being put under pressure by locals as well, with the traditional Queens Birthday weekend fox drive at Ruffy.



*Phascogale tapoatafa*

A dead phascogale was found on the Drysdale Road near Euroa but alive animals have been found in a nesting box at Highlands, a garden in Ruffy and along the Buntings Hill Road.

By Janet Hagen

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## Classifieds and Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### Temporary closure of Ghin Ghin bridge

Works to replace the ageing Ghin Ghin Bridge across the Goulburn River have begun.

The bridge will be replaced with a two-lane concrete structure that will see the load-carrying capacity increased and life cycle extended to beyond 100 years.

In order to complete the final stage of works the bridge will need to be closed from  
**15 June to 19 June 2015 between the hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm.**

**A full closure will then commence for a three week period  
from 22 June to 12 July 2015.**



Any enquiries should be directed to Council's Infrastructure Assets Department  
on 5772 0333

#### AUSSIE DOUBLE BILL AT FILM SOCIETY

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the Yea Shire Chambers the Murrindindi Film Society presents an all - Australian double bill in digital format. The two features portray contrasting images of the outback.

Doors open at 6.45 p.m. for drinks and nibbles, followed by the first screening at 7.00 p.m. This will be the historic 1954 documentary *The Back of Beyond* which tells the story of an intrepid outback postman in the vastness of central Australia, joining him as he provides a vital mail service to the isolated residents. It provides a rare glimpse of a remote lifestyle unimaginable in today's world of instant electronic communication.

The second feature is the award winning 2011 Australian feature *Red Dog*, set 25 years later, halfway across the continent in Dampier, Western Australia.

Based on the true story of a man and his dog, it entertainingly portrays the lives of the varied residents of this iron mining community. There is a strong ensemble cast, but the real star of the film is the talented kelpie "Koko" in the title role. Alternately humorous and moving, the film proved a huge favourite with local audiences and beyond.

We hope members will brave the winter cold to join us for this heartwarming programme.  
Guests and prospective members will be welcomed free of charge.

**All enquiries to Jill Dwyer at 5797 2480 or [jill.dwyer@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.dwyer@bigpond.com)**

#### Community Workshops for a Sustainable Seymour

Over 90 people attended the two workshops held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June that were organised by Seymour U3A, The Seymour We Want and BEAM Mitchell Environment Group with Beyond Zero Emissions.

- \* Dr Bygrave from Beyond Zero Emissions opened the discussion describing his work with Byron Shire in NSW.
- \* Geoff Lodge, CEO of Goulburn Valley Community Energy, spoke of his group's activities in providing energy assessments and renewable energy systems to households in the Goulburn Valley including Seymour.
- \* Colin Lambie from Bendigo Sustainability Group described a community project to put solar panels on their local library using community funding and providing a financial return to the community.

Dr Bygrave noted the pros and cons of stand-alone solar systems using improved battery systems, and spoke about engaging with power companies that support the changes to renewables.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, a Sustainable House Tour will introduce some practical steps for home owners.  
This will lead into the second community workshop for a Sustainable Seymour on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Forty people have already registered and more are welcome. This second workshop will begin the development of some specific ideas and plans to reduce carbon emissions and benefit the wider Seymour community.

Anyone interested in attending or being part of the conversation should contact Peter Mitchell at  
[beam.inc@hotmail.com](mailto:beam.inc@hotmail.com) or 0468 795 954.

# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JUNE 2015

TODAY !

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**



TODAY !

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](mailto:philip.smith49@bigpond.com)



TODAY !

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.  
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Saturday 20th  
June  
9am—1pm

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Saturday 20th  
June 8:00pm  
  
Sunday 21st  
June 4:00pm

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Sunday 21st  
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5:30pm

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Friday 26th  
June  
6:30pm

**ROCKY PASSES ESTATE TAPAS NIGHT** 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek  
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