



Granite News Recess

We are taking a two week break in line with the School Holidays.

The next issue of The Granite News will be Sunday July 19th.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK

JESSICA BENNETT



Jess receives the award this week because of her excellent attendance throughout Terms 1 and 2. Jess has not missed one day of school this semester, and we are very proud of her excellent attendance rate.

Well Done Jess!

STUDENT-FREE DAY

Our 3rd student-free curriculum day will be on Monday the 13th of July. This means the first day back for students after the holidays will be Tuesday 14th July (not Monday the 13th July).

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS

Lost —Jack Russell Terrier

Has a white coat with a distinctive brown spot on left hand side. Name is Kelly, she is a family pet, 14 years old wearing council tags. She was last seen between Brigadoon Rd and Lades Rd. If you have any information please contact **Richard 9890 8984**

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

BLACKBERRY MANAGEMENT AT GOBUR-MERTON TRIALS

Many Victorian properties have unproductive and vermin ridden areas of blackberry infestation, often along water courses where old long established bushes can be several metres high and extend over a significant area.

Their removal or management often defies many farmers and the sheer challenge of the task can prevent a return of the infested area to permanent productive pastures.

The Victorian Blackberry Taskforce (VBT) works on a partnership basis to inform, encourage & support community action groups to reduce blackberry infestation on farms & lifestyle properties.

Established in 2013 the Merton-Cathkin Blackberry Action Group (MCBAG) is working across the Shires of Murrindindi and Mansfield with landowners under voluntary agreements to control or remove blackberry infestations.

In its short history over 50 landowners have joined the project with some 500 hectares of blackberry infestation treated to date.

A recent Field Day on two properties—Kaloomah at Gobur and Avalon at Merton showed the progress with trials. The strategy is to reduce the downstream infestation in the Yarck valley and to improve wildlife access to the Creek.

Cam Paterson is the MCBAG project officer funded by VBT. He says that the project trial work has provided useful information on the most effective herbicide applications and how to create an effective blackberry management plan.



"It is also clear that there are a lot of opportunities for adjoining property owners to work together to lower the cost of eradication and to derive the maximum benefits."

You can contact Cam Paterson on 0418 380319 for information gained from the MCBAG blackberry infestation trials.

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

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 31st

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hughes.creek1@gmail.com

Highlands: Susan 5796 9192
fencing@skymesh.com.au

Ruffy: Janet 5790 4268
jhhagen@gmail.com

For more information please contact Simone
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LOCAL GOINGS ON



Tracks and Trails Strategy Final Draft for Community Feedback

You are invited to provide written feedback on the final draft of the Tracks and Trails Strategy for the Strathbogie Shire, by 5pm Wed 8 July.

Local residents, farmers, walkers, cyclists, horse riding clubs, community action group champions, tourism and business networks are all encouraged to read the draft and provide feedback.

The draft document can be accessed via:

* www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au 'Top News Stories' on the front page

* Facebook page www.facebook.com/StrathbogieShireCouncil

* Hard copy - Council Offices in Euroa Mon - Fri.

* Hard copy - Nagambie Visitor Information Centre Mon - Fri.

Please provide written feedback by 5pm Wed 8 July by these means:

* Email: info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au attention Claire Hahnel

* Mail: Claire Hahnel, Economic Development Officer,
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FIRE RECOVERY WORKING BEE

Doug White's home was one of three that was
lost in the Creightons Creek bushfire
last December.

Thankfully, everyone escaped physical injury,
and the community is also delighted that all
have chosen to remain in the district.

The rebuild of Doug's home on the Longwood-Ruffy Road will begin
shortly so a community Working Bee has been organised to clear the
sight ready for the rebuild.

If you would like to help Doug to get back into his home
please call **David Sleigh 5790 4301** or **Scott McKay 5796 9259**

Date: Saturday July 4th Time: 9:30am

Location: In the cutting, Longwood-Ruffy Rd. Longwood East



HCCC Landcare Rabbit Drive Results

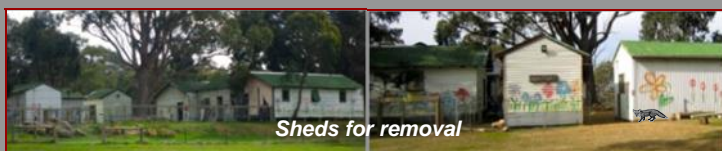
Congratulations to Angus Shaw and Angus Antrobus who delivered —
101 Rabbit Tails. What a terrific effort!

Angus and Angus will both receive a Hunting back-pack as their prize.
Other prizes will be awarded to Mitchell & Lachlan Gramlick — 32 Tails
and to the 3 Leahy boys who delivered 22 Tails. Well Done Everybody.

Clearing Sale Oodlawirra, Longwood East Saturday July 25th 10:30am

Tractors, quads, farm plant, fencing & sheds for removal
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523 Gap Road, Longwood East Contact Barry Jones 0437 551115



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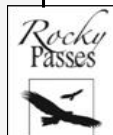
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Contact Peter
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Items available for viewing after
Tuesday 30th June

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JULY/AUG 2015

TODAY !



Sunday 28th 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
Saturday 4th July 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 4th July 10:00am	DOUG WHITE'S WORKING BEE Longwood Cutting, Longwood-Ruffy Road We're clearing the site for the rebuild of Doug's home that was destroyed in the fires. All Welcome. Bring tools, implements and plenty of energy. Contact David Sleight 5790 4301 or Scott McKay 5796 9259
Saturday 4th July 8:00pm Sunday 5th July 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Avengers-Age of Ultron" (M) 141 mins Action/Adventure/ SciFi/Fantasy This will thrill those who love action and adventure – and we probably don't even need to give a description of the movie! When Tony Stark jumpstarts a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry and Earth's mightiest heroes, including Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, The Incredible Hulk, Black Widow and Hawkeye, are all put to the test as they battle to save the planet from destruction at the hands of Untron....
Friday 10th July 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 18th July 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
Saturday 25th July 10:30am	CLEARING SALE "OODLAWIRRA" 523 Gap Road, Longwood East Property Sold--Genuine Sale--Cash or Cheque day of sale—GST--Number System--ID required Tractors, Quads, Farm plant, Fencing & Sheds for removal, Furniture, Sundries+++ Refreshments by Longwood Primary School Contact Barry Jones 0437 551115
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 11 th July – Robyn richards@4upskilling.com.au Helen 5790 4211
Friday 31st July 6:30pm	ROCKY PASSES ESTATE TAPAS NIGHT 1590 Highlands Rd Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights are back!! What a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 8th August TBA	CHIZIA NIGHT at RUFFY CHIZIA NIGHT at RUFFY CHIZIA NIGHT at RUFFY The AMAZING and ENTERTAINING "CHIZIA NIGHT" will return. More Details To Come
Monday 17th August 8:00pm	RUFFY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Quarterly committee meeting and all welcome. Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329