



HABBIES HOWE HOEDOWN GETS HIGHLANDS HOPPING

It was 11:30 pm and they'd danced until they thought they could dance no more....then Chris and Josef fired up the music again and the woolshed floor took another pounding.

Last Saturday's Woolshed Dance at Habbies Howe was universally acclaimed as the best yet.

Rather than a dedicated fund-raiser this year's event was organised as a community celebration and it absolutely nailed it!

Whether they were tearing up the dance floor, having a few convivial ales with old mates, enjoying the beef rolls & snags or just chatting with friends, everyone was swept along by the positive energy.

Darren Gilbert, the Bennett family's Antcliff's Chase and others donated raffle prizes that helped to defray costs and thus make the efforts of the organising committee even more satisfying.

Given the anxiety that we've all experienced across our tablelands in recent times it was absolutely wonderful to have people come together to celebrate the good things in our community.

Here's to the healing hoedown!

By Don Cook



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK

EMILY



Emily receives the award this week because of the persistence she has been showing when tackling difficult Mathematics problems. Emily continually works on understanding new concepts with a positive attitude until she develops a thorough understanding of these concepts.

Well done Emily and keep up the great work!

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



Bernadette Phillips won Darren Gilbert's Sculpture Door-Prize

Dancing & Chatting was the order of the Night



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

CREIGHTON'S CREEK BONFIRE A ROARING SUCCESS

The Creighton's Creek *Feast and Bonfire* held on Saturday night 10th October was a roaring success despite considerable challenges. Held as a fundraiser and social event for the wider community over 100 people came to enjoy a night that began with mild weather, very still and pleasant.



The huge bonfire was lit by members of the Creighton's Creek Rural Fire Brigade and was a roaring success. So much so that at one point a few people were a bit concerned when the fire looked like it was trying to leave home and Creighton's Creek tanker was put into action to quell the escape.

First course of the Feast was just about over when a short drenching thunder storm caused everyone to scramble to the cover of the hall; between showers people drifted back to the bonfire to dry out and enjoy the spectacular. When stormy conditions resulted in a localised power outage we were plunged into darkness; a generator was quickly deployed and the show went on. Whilst a few people left at the onset of lightning and thunder, which meant more delicious desert for the rest of us the majority stayed on and enjoyed musical entertainment by Jim Davidson; it was great to see and hear everyone mixing and chatting, lots of laughter and dancing into the night.

It was an important social event for the community in many ways, as the community continues to be busy in the recovery process following our bushfire last December. This was a perfect opportunity to relax with friends near and far and have some fun.

Nearly \$2000 was raised to fund modifications planned for the 25 year old

Fire Station. We extend our thanks to everyone for their support in making it happen and coming along.

A special thanks to Jim Davidson for entertaining us and soldiering on during the move to the hall and change of power supplies.

By Cathy Artridge & John Chiswell



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- **bookings a good idea**
- **open all cup weekend**

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Venue is the Tablelands Community Centre

Meet at the store for intro & coffee at 10am.
BYO lunch or it will be available at the store.

COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR OCT/NOV 2015

Thursday 28th October 5:30pm **SECRET MEN’S BUSINESS** at the Old Caveat Church Dropmore Rd. Caveat
Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.
BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks



Saturday 31st October 10am—ish **HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL—WORKING BEE** at the Highlands Hall
Come & join us as we tidy up the grounds of our Community Hall.
Weeding, brush cutting & pruning are our major tasks for the morning.
Bring along appropriate tools to make the jobs easier, & then stay on to enjoy a BBQ lunch together. **Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 or Judy Reid 5796 9358 for more information**



Saturday 31st October 8:00pm **EUROA CINEMA “Oddball”** 95 Mins (M) Comedy / Family 3.5 stars
The story about an eccentric chicken farmer (Shane Jacobson) who with the help of his grand-daughter, trains mischievous and naughty dog, Oddball, to protect a penguin sanctuary on Middle Island from fox attacks. In the process he is also trying to reunite his family and save their seaside town. Based on a true story set near Warrnambool, this movie will delight everyone—who could not be amused, entertained but also moved by this beautiful Maremma dog which has to prove his value to everyone, in particular the local council and other doubting members of the community!

Sunday 1st November 4:00pm

Tuesday 3rd November From 9am **MELBOURNE CUP DAY at RUFFY PRODUCE STORE** Nolans Road Ruffy
Breakfast, brunch or lunch enjoy a casual Aussie BBQ, and a bit of a flutter
- bookings a good idea **Contact Helen 5790 4387**

Tuesday 3rd November 12:00 noon **TERIP TERIP CUP DAY LUNCHEON** at the Terip Recreation Reserve
Sweepstakes—Fashions on the Field—A Hit of Tennis
\$20 per Person \$50 for a Family Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share
RSVP by 27th of October 2015 Helen 5790 4211 or Kerri 5790 4191



Saturday 7th November 9am-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 7th November & Sunday 8th November 10am—5pm Both Days **ROTARY CLUB of YEA — OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND**
This is the 5th year that we have held this event and as well as a major fundraiser for our Rotary club, it is a wonderful weekend.
This year we have 11 gardens open with another, Abutilon, open by the Yea Garden Club with plant sales. We have 7 country gardens open this year. They are varied – one has its own wet-lands area and is mostly native planting, another a large garden at Limestone, previously in the Australian Open Gardens, featuring old roses and mature trees. Our country gardens are amazing, different, and all the owners are hard at work to ensure a superb showing. The town gardens also range from a tiny apartment garden, a quirky garden, one with a lovely water feature etc.
The gardens are planned as two separate country areas and a town offering.
The cost is \$40 for the both days, all gardens or \$8.00 per individual country garden and \$5.00 for individual town gardens.
Contact Marj Hamilton 0456 015551

Wednesday 11th November 8:00pm **RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP** Ruffy Public Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy.
Quarterly meeting of the Action Group to inform the community about activities since August and to plan and advance local projects and ideas. This will be our last meeting for the year and you are invited to stay on for a small celebration. All welcome. **Contact Verena 5790 4309**

Friday 13th November 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

