



# THE GRANITE NEWS

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WHITEHEADS CREEK . TERIP TERIP . CAVEAT . RUFFY . HIGHLANDS . HUGHES CREEK

### PEOPLE AND PLACES



# Until we meet again

In 1994 when we moved to Rocky Passes, Vitto and I felt a strong connection with this beautiful piece of land.

We wanted to make sure that when we left, it would be in better condition than when we received it. To this end, we have kept the soil healthy with biodynamic preparations, carefully observed and responded to the vineyard and intervened as little as possible in our winemaking ... allowing the fruit to tell the story. We have kept a few light-footed animals to help keep the grass down and we have let the trees and shrubs that want to grow here, regenerate. We also wanted to make delicious wine and food, and create an atmosphere where visitors could feel at home, take time to relax and have fun.

The time has now come for us to hand all that is Rocky Passes over to the next generation of wine makers.

Our decision has only been made easier because of you, our customers and friends, who made Rocky Passes Estate possible. We believe that your enjoyment of the Rocky Passes cellar door, wines, tapas and BBQs affirms that we have met the goals we set ourselves in 1994.

Thank you.

**Candi Westney & Vitto Olles** 

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# NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# STUDENT of the WEEK ADA



Ada always completes set work to the best of her ability and with a smile on her face. Ada willingly tries new things and is always happy to help others with their learning.

Well done Ada and keep up the great work!

We have had three chicks hatch this week at school that will be joining our older hens in the chicken coop in coming weeks. They are all very cute and students have been excited to see them and hold them, they will be returning to school next week so that students are able to watch them grow and learn how to care for them.



By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



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### LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

### **HCCC SPRAY UNITS**

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Caveat—Michael Kopanica 5790 4235
Highlands— Scott McKay 5796 9259
Ruffy— Don Cook 5790 4007

\$33 per Spray Day/\$100 per Season Payment on Invoice from HCCC Landcare



## FIRE SEASON ARRIVES EARLY

We are all aware that Victoria is experiencing it's earliest ever start to the fire season.

The CFA is asking landholders to check the temperature of any heaps that have been burned off in the last months of winter to ensure that there's no chance of re-ignition.

Of course, pre-season clearing should be well underway by now but extra care must be taken with mowers, slashers and chainsaws.

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## **Classifieds and Community Notices**

## **LOCAL GOINGS ON**



Invites you to

A joint exhibition by:

Janet Matthews & Darren Gilbert

31st October to 31st December, 2015

Opening 1:30pm Saturday 7th November

### Meet the artists:

1:30pm Sat 14th November Featuring Darren (with Janet) 1:30pm Sat 28th November Featuring Janet (with Darren)







Top left: Darren Gilbert - Australian Raven Top midle: Janet Matthews - He's a loner Top right: Janet Matthews - Here I come Bottom left: Darren Gilbert - Fungus Balls

NB: While the exhibition is going for 2 months, the work will freshen regularly so keep an eye out...

Wed to Mon (inc Public Hols) 10:00-4:00 • 34 High Street Yea • 0478 58 34 34 info@gallery34.com.au • www.gallery34.com.au • www.facebook.com/gallery34yea



## " Chicks in the Sticks "

A Landcare event sponsored by Goulburn Broken CMA Celebrate the achievements of rural women in agriculture and the environment.

This event will showcase the spectacular High Country with a tour of Mount Buller and a twilight dinner by the Delatite River at Mirimbah Park . You will meet inspirational local women who are working to protect the alpine environment and are developing innovative agricultural businesses.

Date: November 27th Friday from 6pm to 9pm.

Cost: \$30 per person inc bus travel & 2 course dinner.

**Dress:** Cocktail & Gumboots

## Bus pick up points and times:

3.30pm Euroa Court House or Alexandra Visitors information Centre
 4.00pm Benalla Royal Hotel or Yea V/Line Bus Stop High Street Yea.
 All women in the Hughes Creek Catchment are encouraged to attend.
 Bookings via Janet 5790 4268 janethhagen@gmail.com

## illustrating with jenny woods

saturday 7 nov 10-4 | \$89pp inc all materials

Venue is the Tablelands Community Centre

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

Another Ruffy Store Creative Arts initiative

## BRIC-A-BRAC @ RUFFY RE-OPENS for the SEASON

The Bric-a-Brac store will re-open from Sat October 30th Sellers, Buyers & Browsers are always welcome.

Located opposite the Ruffy Store

Opening Hours are 10am—3pm Weekends & Public Holidays

Proceeds support your Tablelands Community Centre

### TRADING PLACES

Bits & pieces for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

# WANTED RATHER URGENTLY

We have started a roller skating club at the Highlands Hall and I need a pair of Size 7 roller

If you're able to help out they can be dropped off at the Highlands Primary School.

Thank you, Bonnie

skates please.



Holiday House in Highlands

Yabby Cottage, a three-bedroom house on four acres in Highlands, sleeps up to nine people. We welcome local guests and folks from far and wide. Check out

Facebook.com/yabbycottage (and we'd love some 'likes') email info@yabbycottage.com

or call **0490 308 345** 

We are happy to receive promotional brochures and information about the area to share with visitors.

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR OCT/NOV 2015	
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	TERIP TERIP CUP DAY LUNCHEON at the Terip Recreation Reserve
November 12:00 noon	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 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 1:30pm	GALLERY 34 Joint exhibition by Janet Matthews and Darren Gilbert 34 High St., Yea
	Darren Gilbert will have on display fifteen sculptures in his own distinctive recycled metal style together with eight artworks mostly the intricate black and white wildlife drawings for which he has gained an Australia-wide following.  Janet Matthews is showing fifteen watercolours and coloured drawings also principally relating to wildlife.  Further information Contact David Bates 0478 583 434
	ROTARY CLUB of YEA — OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND
Saturday 7th November & Sunday 8th November 10am—5pm Both Days	This is the 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 wetlands 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
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Saturday 7th November 8:00pm Sunday 8th November 4:00pm	For something a bit lighter, starring Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathaway, "The Intern" takes us on a journey of a different kind.  Seventy year old Ben Whittaker becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site. He soon becomes very popular with his much younger co-workers, but even more so with the CEO and founder of the company.  He brings wisdom and a sense of humour to the task at hand, proving that age is no barrier to being in the workforce, and years of hard work and experience is priceless.
Wednesday 11th November 8:00pm	<b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP</b> 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. <b>Contact Verena</b> 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.

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