



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

AGAPANTHUS AGONY

Agapanthus is regarded as a significant environmental weed in Victoria. It is a very popular and hardy garden plant that is beginning to cause significant weed problems. Many infestations have probably become established from dumped garden rubbish, but it also spreads quickly down drainage lines. Its dense clumping roots are capable of displacing other ground-dwelling plant species and it may also prevent the regeneration of trees and shrubs.

Hence it is considered to have an enormous potential to change plant ecosystems and even eliminate habitat for native fauna.

In Victoria, agapanthus is regarded as being a serious threat to one or more vegetation formations. In this state it has spread widely along foreshores and other coastal sites, particularly around urban areas, and also threatens native vegetation along waterways in some areas.

Agapanthus is probably causing most concern in the world heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park on the central tablelands of New South Wales. In particular, a relatively large infestation of this species is present on the ledges on the cliff below the Echo Point lookout, near the Three Sisters. This infestation is thought to have spread from garden plantings above the lookout.

This species has become a prevalent environmental weed in New South Wales in a very short period of time.

From "Weeds of Australia"
Biosecurity Queensland Edition

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT of the WEEK BEN KEATING



Ben receives student of the week because of the huge progress he has made socially, and for all of his hard work and persistence in class.

Well done on settling in so well at school this term!

End of Year Family Breakfast Tuesday 15th December

We are looking forward to seeing as many families, friends and volunteers as possible at this HUGE end of year event. Bacon and Eggs will be served by 9 am. If anyone has excess eggs that could be donated for the end of year Family Breakfast would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance.

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



Agapanthus praecox subsp. orientalis



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

STOCK CONTAINMENT AREAS

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Stock containment areas enable farmers to fence off part of the farm to hold, feed and water livestock in tough conditions such as drought and after a bushfire.

\$500,000 was allocated from the recently launched drought package to co-fund stock containment areas.

Grants of up to \$2000 are available to farmers to assist with implementing this valuable management tool.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) close Tuesday 15 December 2015.

Contact Ashley Rogers | Regional Landcare Facilitator

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

ashleyr@gbcma.vic.gov.au

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2016 TERIP SOCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Saturday January 9th

Section 1 & 2 – Ladies and Men's

Doubles Mixed Competition – Alternating Partners

Juniors

Helen 5790 4211 – Sue 5790 4277 - Frances 0427 904 262 – Cindy 0429 772 011



FAMILY CRICKET'S BACK....YAY!!



Ten years ago the pre-Christmas Highlands vs Ruffy cricket match began and it's now a fixture on the Tablelands social calendar.

It's on again at the RCG (Ruffy Cricket Ground) as a Families day where everyone, especially the kids, get to have a bat and a bowl.

There'll be a Barbeque available for you to cook your own dinner and bring along a salad or sweet to share.

Dress code is 'comfortable casual' and cricket gear will be provided.

Venue: Ruffy Recreation Reserve, Noye Lane Ruffy

Date: Saturday December 19th

Start Time: 2:00pm

Visitors, Spectators, Barrackers and Sledgers are welcome

Further info Contact Jim McCooley 57969126 or Don Cook 0408 929818

SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

Kakorrhaphiophobia
is a fear of failure.

So, if you suffered from this
condition you probably wouldn't
want to encounter this word in
a spelling bee!



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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR DECEMBER 2015



**CFA ROSTERS
w/c
6th December**

- ◇ **RUFFY** ————— **3rd Lieutenant Ryan Furlanetto's Team**
- ◇ **TERIP TERIP** ————— **Captain Geoff Penny's Team**
- ◇ **HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT W/C 13/12** ————— **Driver: Pauline Roberts—Radio: Lochie Cameron**
- ◇ **WHITEHEAD'S CREEK /TARCOMBE** ————— **Driver: Andy Duffy - Assistant: Jake Moffett**

<p>Saturday 12th December 8:00pm</p> <p>Sunday 13th 4:00pm</p>	<p>EUROA CINEMA "Bridge of Spies" 141 Mins (M) Drama 4 stars</p> <p>During the cold war, the Soviet Union captures US pilot Francis Gary Powers after shooting down his U-2 spy plane. Sentenced to ten years in prison, his only hope is a New York lawyer, James Donovan (Tom Hanks), recruited by a CIA operative to negotiate his release. Donovan boards a plane to Berlin, hoping to win the young man's freedom through a prisoner exchange. If all goes well, the Russians would get Rudolf Abel, the convicted spy who Donovan defended in court. Another dramatic movie filled with drama and action, but one which will also have wide appeal to those who enjoy intrigue and appreciate a good story and great cast.</p>
<p>Sunday 13th December 10:15am</p>	<p>OLD HIGHLANDS ROAD COMMUNITY FIREGUARD at the Highlands Hall</p> <p>Any one is welcome to attend- you are not required to be part of the Fireguard group . Morning Tea will be provided Contact Andrea 0417 369225</p>
<p>Monday 14th December 7:30pm</p>	<p>RuffArtZ AGM 2015 at the Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd. Ruffy</p> <p>You're invited to join us for an evening of fun and celebration for the RuffArtZ AGM. Bring family and friends to help us celebrate a year of great entertainment in our own community and the exciting new program for 2016. RuffArtZ would love to have some new faces on board , everyone welcome. Contact Sharron 5790 4329 or Barb 0429 410039</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th December 9:00am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL BIG BREAKFAST at Highlands Primary School</p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing as many families, friends and volunteers as possible at this HUGE end of year event. Bacon and Eggs will be served by 9 am. Contact 5796 9208</p>
<p>Saturday 19th December 9am—1pm</p>	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa</p> <p>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</p> <p>A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</p>
<p>Saturday 19th December 2:00pm—6pm</p> <p> <i>Cricket</i></p>	<p>FAMILY CRICKET MATCH at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve</p> <p>The annual pre-Christmas Family Cricket match — Highlands vs Ruffy is on again. Everyone is welcome, especially the kids and all will get to have a bat and a bowl. Bring Your Own BBQ dinner & salads/sweets to share. Cricket gear will be provided. Contact Jim 5796 9126 or Don 0408 929818</p>
<p>Saturday 9th January 9:30am 10:00am Start</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT Terip Tennis Courts Top Rd Terip Terip</p> <p>The annual Terip Terip Social Tennis Tournament is on again. Section 1 & 2 – Ladies and Men's Doubles Mixed Competition – Alternating Partners — Juniors Contact Helen 5790 4211 – Sue 5790 4277 - Frances 0427 904 262 – Cindy 0429 772 011</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd January To Tuesday 26th January</p>	<p>HiArts & YEA CARNIVALE at the Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>At least five local artists will have their works on show at the Highlands Community Hall while a number will also have their home studios open to visitors. The Hub of Artists at the Highlands Community Hall will be open over the four days from 10am until 4 pm on each day.</p>

