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CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

Ruffy Residents can help save the Brush-tailed phascogale

These small nocturnal, carnivorous marsupials are found in dry forests containing large old hollow bearing messmate and stringybark trees.

Their habitat is often along roadsides, which are currently under threat from die back due to a drier climate, fire, storms and the clearing of native vegetation.



Brush-tailed Phascogale

This species is endangered. Each animal needs about 4ha of bush to survive. They are extremely fast and agile and feed on invertebrates on tree trunks. HCCC Landcare are starting a project to provide landholders around Ruffy with nesting boxes specially designed especially for this species. The idea is to provide safe habitat away from roads and houses (and chook sheds) where phascogales can happily live. Nesting boxes are needed because of the decline of mature paddock trees with natural hollows. It takes around 100 years for a suitable hollow to develop and our tree planting projects are immature. Fifty nesting boxes will be available free to people who would like to host one at their place. An arborist will install the boxes later in the year. Please contact Janet 5790 4268 janethhagen@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

By Janet Hagen

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



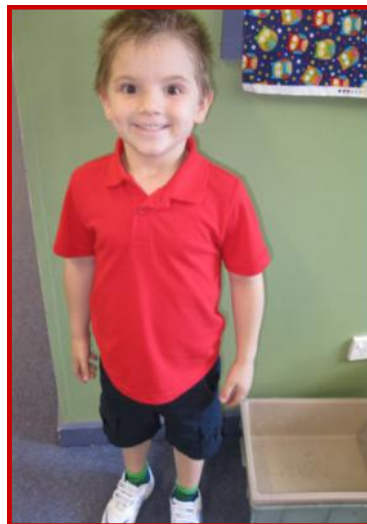
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

This week's Student of the Week award goes to our 3 new Junior Students:

Louis, William and Ben.

All 3 boys have had a fantastic start to their schooling at Highlands Primary School and have been great additions to our school!

Well Done boys and keep up the great work!



By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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www.highlands.org.au

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We certainly encourage feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in

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Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
January	98.9 mm	125.5 mm
2016 Total	98.9 mm	125.5 mm
Jan Rain	11	7

SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

Why is the word 'phonetic' not spelled phonetically?

Why doesn't 'onomatopoeia' sound like what it is?

Why is the word 'abbreviation' so long?

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Classifieds and Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON



Forum for New and Part-Time Landowners

The Upper Goulburn Landcare Network (UGLN) would like to invite you to a forum for new and part-time landowners. The UGLN will conduct the forum with support from the Murrindindi Shire Council, CFA and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. It will be held on Saturday 27th February at the Yea Shire Hall, High St Yea from 10am to 1.15pm. A light lunch will be served. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce new and part-time landowners to environmental issues within the Murrindindi Shire; how you can manage your property to support restoration and enhancement of the environment. A team of local experts will provide information and be on hand to answer questions.

As well as guest speakers we will have representatives from Landcare, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, local native plant nurseries, and other local organizations.

For further information www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/landcareforum or www.ugln.net.au

To RSVP please contact Judy Watts; 57974405 or uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au



Landowner Expressions of Interest for Revegetation Works

To meet its statutory obligations, Council is seeking expressions of interest from landowners wishing to participate in the implementation of revegetation works on their properties within the Murrindindi Shire.

Suitable candidate projects will include revegetation of areas adjacent to waterways, roadsides or locations where the revegetation assists in the creation of linkages between existing native vegetation.

Incentive funding payments will be available to successful candidates for the implementation of revegetation works.

Interested candidates will need complete an Expression of Interest (EoI) form. EoI forms are available at all Council offices, on Council's website at

www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/revegetationprogram or by contacting Heather Bradbury, Coordinator Environmental Programs on (03) 5772 0333.

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted to Council by 5pm on Thursday 18 February 2016.



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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016



CFA ROSTERS
w/c
14th February

- ◇ RUFFY ————— 1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team
- ◇ TERIP TERIP ————— 2nd Lieutenant Ken Richard's Team
- ◇ HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT ————— Driver: Alistair Lade—Radio: Ron Halicki
- ◇ WHITEHEAD'S CREEK /TARCOMBE— Driver: Rod Chisholm - Asstnt: James Matter

Thursday 11th
February
7:30pm

RuffArtZ Committee Meeting
Everyone welcome.

Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy
Contact Sharron 57904329

Friday 12th
February
From 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.

This night will be a farewell to Leanne & Adam so anyone who wants to catch up with them please come along.

Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247



Saturday 13th
February
8:00pm
Sunday 14th
4:00pm

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Monday 15th
February
8:00pm

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Saturday 20th
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Saturday 20th
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10:30am
until
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at the MCG

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If you're interested in playing for the better team Contact Scott scottmckay@activ8.net.au

Or if you wish to play for Ruffy Contact David Sleigh slsl22@bigpond.com



Thursday 25th
February
5:30pm

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
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BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks



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February
10am-1:15pm

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at the Yea Shire Hall

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