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RUFFY

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HUGHES CREEK

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

One Thousand Rabbits Gone!



The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia's Field Hunters Club has been working around Longwood, Avenel, Ruffy, Gobur, Alexandra and Euroa in an area greater than 65,000 acres over the past two years on a Feral Animal Control Program. This program aims to reduce feral and pest animals for property owners at **no cost** and has now removed over 1000 rabbits and 80 foxes.

Field Hunters Club professional controllers have also now devoted in excess of 1000 man hours to help reduce and maintain feral and pest animals in an ongoing program that is now showing major results. The program offers assistance to Landcare groups, Conservation networks and Property owners in a structured, safe, professional and ethical environment, backed by a \$20 million insurance policy.

We can assist you with the removal and control of (Rabbits, Foxes, Feral Cats, Goats, Deer and Pigs) and assistance with obtaining and acting on (Authority To Control Wildlife Permits).

Our process commences with the Project Co-ordinator meeting the property owners to discuss and identify feral animals that are a problem on their property. Maps are then created which clearly display the property boundaries and your outlined exclusion zones and once completed, the Project Leads are introduced to the property owners or property manager and dates are set for the program that suits you.

From here we contact you before attending each time and the Program Co-ordinator and the Project Leads manage the correctly trained professional controllers to complete the required work, keeping in constant communication with the property owners or the property manager at all times.

At the completion of each project, the Project Leads complete a field report with dispatched numbers and this information is relayed back to the property owners for their records.

Further information and referrals on the Feral Animal Control Program can be found at our website

www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au

Or by contacting Phillip Mathieson on 0417 668 222

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

BRIDIE HAYES



Bridie receives this award because of the positive way she has started the 2016 School Year, and because of the enthusiastic way she ALWAYS approaches her learning.

Well Done Bridie and keep up the great work!

School Council Nominations

A reminder that notes were sent home calling for School Council nominations. We currently have two parent vacancies that are required to be filled, so if you are interested in becoming a member of the Highlands Primary School Council, please make sure you return your nomination forms ASAP, but definitely before nominations close at 4pm on Wednesday the 17th February.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to give Maree a call at the school on 5796 9208.

By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS

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Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

"A good response to the Phascogale Nesting Box Project - thanks Granite News readers !! John, Hilary and Joerg from Highlands are experienced in hosting nesting boxes . They installed this box for phascogales and look what has moved in, a family of sugar gilders.



Well done guys, I'll reserve you a few more boxes because it looks like there will be a shortage of houses at your place when this batch leave home. Thanks for sharing this evidence of your success."

Janet Hagen — HCCC Landcare

SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

"WATCH YOUR HEAD"

I keep seeing this sign on low doorways, but I haven't figured out how to follow the instructions.

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Classifieds and Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

What is the RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPand what does it do?

The Ruffy Community Action Group (RCAG) was created in 2009 to act as a local forum and as an effective intermediary between the local community and the Strathbogie Shire Council.

It consists of representatives of the various community groups and interests in the Ruffy area, and its quarterly meetings are open to all members of the community. RCAG receives regular funding through the Council's 'Community Action Group Funding' program and enjoys the advice and support of the Shire's Community Development Officer.

A round of community consultations in 2012 identified Ruffy's special community values and strengths, as well as its ambitions for the future. Based on these consultations RCAG developed the 'Ruffy Community Action Plan 2012' which is a guiding vision for RCAG.

- * a sustainable future for the Ruffy area, balancing compatible economic development with maintaining important environmental and social values
- * harmonious interaction and cooperation between old and new residents, different interest groups within the community and with the responsible authorities
- * a well-informed community that participates actively in matters that affect it.

Since its creation RCAG has been successful in assisting various community groups in funding & implementing their projects. Its achievements include the development of the Ruffy Streetscape Plan and creation & maintenance of the Ruffy Community Website www.ruffycommunity.com.au

In dealing with Council and developing projects for the Ruffy community, RCAG aims to be representative of broad community views. However, it can only be truly representative if community members take an active interest and participate in its meetings – unfortunately this has not been the case recently.

On this background I would like to invite old and new members of the Ruffy community to come to the next RCAG meeting, to find out what's going on and how to take an active part in community developments.

Next RCAG meeting: Wednesday 24th February, 8.00 pm at the Tablelands Community Centre.

Erwin Weinmann — President RCAG — 5790 4309

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2016



CFA ROSTERS
w/c
21st February

- ◇ RUFFY ————— 2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team
- ◇ TERIP TERIP ————— 3rd Lieutenant Tim Lawrence's Team
- ◇ HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT ————— Driver: Rick McAlpin—Radio: Tom McCooey
- ◇ WHITEHEAD'S CREEK /TARCOMBE— Driver: Kate Coulson - Asstnt: Peter Prorock

Monday 15th
February
8:00pm

RUFFY HALL QUARTERLY MEETING

Everyone welcome.

Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy
Contact Sharron 57904329

Saturday 20th
February
9am—2pm

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Saturday 20th
February

10:30am
until
Stumps

HIGHLANDS vs RUFFY ANNUAL CRICKET CHALLENGE

at the MCG

The annual battle for the missing Granite Rock trophy will be fought out at the MCG (Molesworth Cricket Ground)

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** s1s22@bigpond.com

Saturday 20th
February
8:00pm
Sunday 21st
4:00pm

THE EUROA CINEMA "Truth"

142 mins (M) Bio /Drama 3.5 stars

The story of the Killian Documents controversy in the television newsroom drama detailing the 2004 CBS "60 Minutes" report which investigated then-President George W Bush's military service and his possible use of political advantage to avoid being drafted to Vietnam. The subsequent fall-out generated a career ending firestorm of criticism that cost Dan Rather and producer Mary Mapes their jobs and reputations. Starring Cate Blanchett, Robert Redford and Dennis Quaid.

Wednesday
24th
February
8:00pm

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP at Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

The first quarterly meeting for 2016 will inform the community about activities planned for the near future. We only have 4 meetings per year – that's why important decisions are made at each meeting. Come along to this friendly meeting to share in the discussions. For information **Contact Verena Weinmann, Secretary, 5790 4309**

Thursday 25th
February
10am-3pm

SOIL-TEST INTERPRETATION WORKSHOP

at the Yea Community Centre

Bring along your latest results to a free soil-test interpretation workshop in Yea. Cath Botta, soil scientist, educator and facilitator, will be presenting the workshop. This a free event. Lunch is provided and participants will receive a copy of the recently published *Understanding your soil test: step by step*. **RSVP Judy Brookes 0448 972 563**

beyond soilcare

Thursday 25th
February
5:30pm

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS

Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes.
BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks

Saturday 27th
February
10am-1:15pm

FORUM FOR NEW & PART-TIME LANDOWNERS

at the Yea Shire Hall

Run by the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network, 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

For more information Contact Judy Watts 57974405 or uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au

