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HUGHES CREEK

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Swordcraft at Caveat



Live Action Role Play 6th to 11th April

We didn't expect "The Spanish Inquisition" but that was what Tim Hood (obvious descendant of Robin) got when we arrived at Caveat's Mafeking Rover Park to deliver fire wood.

The vision before us was purely medieval, looking like a cross between Game of Thrones and Monty Python's Holy Grail.

"What strange garb you wear stranger, are you from a foreign land or are you from the future?" asked a Knight with a distinct Canadian accent.

"I'm just a woodcutter from CFA delivering wood" replied a bemused Tim (now you get the Robin Hood reference).

"I do not know of this land named CFA but you are welcome, woodcutter" replied the Knight.

At any other time this conversation would sound bizarre, but as we were surrounded by Castles, Taverns, Orcs, Pixies, Elves, Ogres, Knights, Peasants, Fair Maidens (some not so fair) carrying latex rubber knives, swords, axes, arrows and sledge hammers, it was only mildly disconcerting.

For 5 days 700 people of all ages from around Australia descend on Caveat to play their part in something like an improvised play, guided by a set of rules that govern how you can mug, kill, maim, rob, kidnap or conquer. It all seems weird at first but after a while you start to feel the odd one out in your civvies, in fact compared to following Melbourne Football Club this is quite rational! (note to self; must contact my therapist). Grown-ups are not meant to have fantasy fun like children do, but amongst all the carnage these Weekend Warrior's absolutely do.

None of the male CFA woodcutters will fear death again because you can be brought back to life by "Death herself" with her special ritual that would be every teenage boy's fantasy but would likely kill someone my age again and again and...if you wish to find out what the ritual is you will have to wait until their "Open Day" in September when they come back again and practice some more medieval mayhem.

By Scott McKay



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a great start to Term 2 with the safe arrival of **Jesse Cooper Moyle**, weighing 6 lb 4 oz. Congratulations to Maree, Brad & family.



Welcome back to all the students and staff and trust you all had a great Easter and holiday.
By Diann Schrapel—HPS

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2016 Total	158.1 mm	169 mm
March Rain Days	7	4

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LOCAL GOINGS ON

At RUFFY CFA the GOOD FRIDAY TRADITION CONTINUES

The Tablelands communities turned out in force again on Good Friday 25th March to continue their support for the Ruffy CFA's traditional Good Friday Fish 'n Chip Lunch.



This worthwhile community initiative was started by the Ruffy CFA Team nine years ago and it goes from strength to strength; this year raising \$1400 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and by catering for 110 local community members with what can only be described as a

'damn good fish 'n chip lunch', the Ruffy CFA Team also raised \$1300 for the local Brigade.

However, the deeper community benefit is the opportunity for people to come together on common ground, enjoy a catch-up chat and get to know newer members of our vibrant and unique district.



The Ruffy CFA 'Good Friday' Team

SEEKING STRATHBOGIES STARGAZERS

Do something different and learn new stuff !



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC Landcare) invite you to explore the night sky through an astronomical telescope (an impressive 16" Dobsonian Reflector telescope) Will Trueman will be our guide and tutor for the night.

Everyone is welcome at this children friendly event.

Please bring a chair each, warm clothing & a blanket to stay cosy.

There will be a warm fire going in the pavilion.

We will provide hot pies and sausage rolls with sauce, drinks and cakes for supper.

Friday 29th April 2016 (first option if the skies are clear) OR

Friday 6th May (second option if the weather lets us down on the 1st date)

Time: 6pm – 10pm

Venue: Terip Terip Recreation Ground & Tennis Courts

Book a place by contacting Janet Hagen

hughescreek2@gmail.com or 57904268

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR APRIL/MAY 2016

TODAY !!

<p>Sunday 17th April 2:30pm</p>	<p>DISCOVERING ANTARCTICA at Creightons Creek Recreation Reserve</p> <p>Would like to invite you to an afternoon devoted to <i>Discovering Antarctica</i> with Lyndley and Kerri Reeks. Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and a friend. Come & support a local autumn get together – no charge!</p>
<p>Until Saturday 30th April 10am-4pm</p>	<p>'Cambodia' and 'Song of the Earth' at Hillcrest Gallery 33 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Contact 5796 9373 dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au</p> 
<p>Saturday 23rd April 8:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday 24th 4:00 pm</p>	<p>THE EUROA CINEMA "The Lady in the Van" 104 mins (M) Drama 4 stars</p> <p>There could be no better person to play "The Lady in the Van" than Maggie Smith. Based around true events when a 'woman of uncertain origins' parks her van in the driveway of English playwright Allan Bennett. The stay is supposedly only for a few weeks but this eventually becomes 15 years. Miss Shepherd's "story" is shaded by past events which have led her to become reclusive, but we gradually find out she has been someone of significance. Her relationship with the neighbours, her family and Allan Bennett are captivating, taking us on her journey of regret, tinged with some sadness, interspersed with glorious laugh out loud moments that are sure to entertain.</p>
 <p>Thursday 28th April 5:30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat</p> <p>Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks</p>
<p>Friday 13th May Lunchtime</p> <p>& Saturday 14th May</p> 	<p>LANDCARE FORUM at the Dookie Agricultural College</p> <p>The Landcare community in Goulburn Broken has put together a stimulating agenda with presentations from a "who's who" of Landcarers and their partners. The forum commences at lunch on Friday 13th with an afternoon focussed on Partnerships in Landcare. Neil Devanny the chair of the Granite Creeks Project will lead discussion about their longstanding partnership with the Strathbogie Shire Council and how their group has maintained a respectful relationship across different stakeholders.</p> <p>Saturday morning has a field trip looking at innovative Irrigation methods and takes an amble through the newly established "The Rock Correa Walk" at Tallis Winery. The participants should be inspired by the fresh air and exercise for the afternoon session back at Dookie, titled "The real future of Landcare in Victoria and beyond". All this and great food and company over the 2 days, a not to be missed event. Everyone Welcome.</p> <p>Contact David Ince inces@icloud.com or Kaye Rodden nidgee@reachnet.com.au</p>
<p>Friday 13th May 6:30pm</p>	<p>'DRINKS ON THE DECK' at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</p> 
<p>Monday 16th May 8:00pm</p>	<p>RUFFY COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE at the Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd., Ruffy</p> <p>Quarterly committee meeting and everyone is welcome.</p> <p>Contact Sharron Batt 5790 4329</p>