



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### HUGHES CREEK — A NATURAL WONDER RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Last Sunday 21 intrepid locals took up the invitation from HCCC Landcare's Janet Hagen to join her in a walk of discovery down the Hughes Creek from the Ruffy Boathole to Caveat.

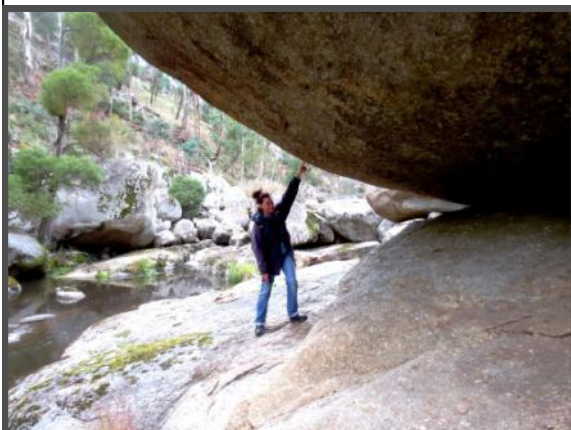
Of course, generations of locals have explored every inch of this fabulous tributary and have taken advantage of it as a place to play, to fish and to interact with nature, but to the newcomer the Hughes Creek is a revelation.

At the top end around Ruffy it offers an example of how water has traditionally moved through the Australian landscape via chains of ponds with interruptive reed beds that filter & slow the water thus allowing it to permeate the adjacent sub-soils and to provide habitat for platypus and a myriad of other wildlife.



Further down at Caveat it picks up speed as it cascades across granite shelves with the occasional waterfall. The creek then cuts its way into the gorges that are simply breathtaking. Mounds of huge granite rocks pile up on each bank as if they've been lowered into place by some giant crane, but they look like mere

yonnies when compared to the massive granite boulders that hang precariously on the steep banks of the gorge overlooking their cousins that eons ago succumbed to gravity and now lie in the creek bed with their awesome magnitude offering an almost spiritual experience to the visitor.



The walk took the best part of 4 hours, terminating at Michael Kopanica's property where most of the hikers refreshed themselves with a drink from the permanent mineral spring.

This inspiring walk is highly recommended but it would be a good idea to consult Janet Hagen before

setting out. Janet can be contacted on **5790 4268**.

By Don Cook



Hughes Creek  
Catchment Collaborative

## LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD



### RABBIT MONTH MAY 2016

Rabbit month is here again and the HCCC is offering a reward/prize to the hunter with the most tails.

Competition runs for the whole month of May 2016 finishing up by the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Tails can be handed in to Janet Hagen or Simone Ulstrup during the first week in June with a closing date of the 6<sup>th</sup>.

More information to follow, and you can also register your interest via email to be updated on any further details.

**Janet Hagen**

[janethagen@gmail.com](mailto:janethagen@gmail.com)

**Simone Ulstrup**

[hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

### FOX ON THE RUN 2016



The HCCC Landcare group are once again holding a fox hunting competition over the month of June 2016. A bounty of \$3 per tail will be paid (maximum of 100 tails) and all participants will receive an iconic "fox on the run" beanie.

A presentation night will be held in August.

Tails need to be submitted on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July to Simone [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

**5790 4146**

Janet [jhhagen@gmail.com](mailto:jhhagen@gmail.com)

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Conditions Apply and Registration forms need to be submitted prior to the competition start.

For more information please contact Simone

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## LOCAL GOINGS ON

### RUFFY HALL CELEBRATES 123 YEARS

On behalf of the Ruffy Hall Committee of Management you are invited to the unveiling of the Mechanics Institute Victoria memorial plaque on **Sunday 22 May 2016 at 2pm.**

The plaque celebrates the long history of the Ruffy Hall as the centre of community life on the Ruffy Tableland since 1893 (123 years)

We would love you to join the Ruffy Community for afternoon tea to celebrate this significant milestone.

Please RSVP by Sunday 15 May if you plan to come

Please contact Sharron Batt [sharronbatt@gmail.com](mailto:sharronbatt@gmail.com)

**5790 4329** (leave message)

## TRADING PLACES

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### COME ALONG to THE PUFF BALL

At Violet Town

As part of their  
"FUNGI FESTIVAL"

the Strathbogie Ranges CMN presents an old fashion bush dance for families, beginners and experienced dancers. We are calling it the "Puff Ball" to fit into the fungi theme.

The popular bush band "Couch Grass" will provide the music and call the dances.

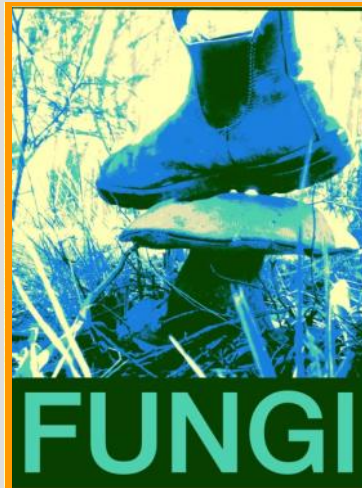
**Saturday May 14th @ Violet Town Hall**

starting with a light meal at 5.30pm

\$10 each but please book your place

Dancing starts at 7.00pm - free entry without meal.

Contact Heather Thomas 0458 375913 or Janet Hagen 57904268



## SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

**How come first-degree murder is more serious than third-degree murder but a third-degree burn is more serious than a first-degree burn?**

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## Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
April	29.8mm	55.5mm
2016 Total	187.9mm	224.5mm
April Rain Days	3	5



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## HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB NEWS



The next get-together of the Highlands Spinning Club is Tuesday 10th May at 11am.

At the home of Jan Sporry  
450 Caveat-Dropmore Road  
Caveat.

**5790 4361**

**COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR—MAY 2016**

**Friday 13th**

**May  
Lunchtime**

**& Saturday  
14th May**

**LANDCARE FORUM**

**at the Dookie Agricultural College**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Everyone Welcome.

Contact David Ince [inces@icloud.com](mailto:inces@icloud.com) or Kaye Rodden [nidgee@reachnet.com.au](mailto:nidgee@reachnet.com.au)

**Friday 13th**

**May  
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. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247



**Saturday 14th**

**May  
5:30pm**

**FUNGI FESTIVAL “PUFF BALL”**

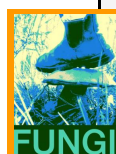
**at the Violet Town Community Hall**

An old fashion bush dance for families, beginners and experienced dancers.

\$10 each but please book your place

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**Saturday 14th**

**May  
8:00 pm  
Sunday 15th  
May  
4:00 pm**

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**Monday 16th**

**May  
8:00pm**

**RUFFY COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE**

**at the Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd., Ruffy**

Quarterly committee meeting and everyone is welcome. Contact Sharron 5790 4329

**Saturday 21st**

**May  
9am—1pm**

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**Saturday 21st**

**May  
7pm**

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Drinks featuring local wines at bar prices. For more information & bookings go to

[strathbogierangesnatureview.wordpress.com](http://strathbogierangesnatureview.wordpress.com)

**Sunday 22nd**

**May  
2:00pm**

**RUFFY HALL CELEBRATES 123 YEARS**

**at the Hall, Nolans Rd., Ruffy**

A Plaque from the Mechanics Institute of Victoria will be unveiled to mark the occasion and everyone is welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be served.

Please RSVP by contacting Sharron Batt 5790 4329 or [sharronbatt@gmail.com](mailto:sharronbatt@gmail.com)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**May  
8.00 pm**

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