



10th YEAR !!

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WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Volunteers the key to improving the catchment's environment

More than 3000ha of weed control and more than 99,000ha of fox control were achieved by community natural resource management (NRM) groups in the Goulburn Broken catchment during 2014/15.

The catchment's 96 community NRM groups and 12 networks also achieved:

- * 562.7ha of revegetation;
- * 394.8ha of vegetation protection and improvement;
- * 1757ha of rabbit control;
- * 126.8km of fencing; and
- * built 1145 nest boxes.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) CEO Chris Norman said the work carried by the volunteer groups was critical for improving the region's land, water and biodiversity.

"The membership of these Landcare groups and networks, sustainable farming groups and conservation management networks are largely volunteer-based, which makes the delivery of these on-ground works even more impressive," Mr Norman said.



**GOULBURN
BROKEN**
CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENTS of the FORTNIGHT

Bridie

For cheerful persisting with
NAPLAN tests



Ezekiel

A great effort during NAPLAN



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Bureau of Statistics is conducting the national Census this year.

People who live locally and who have knowledge of the Highlands/Caveat/Ruffy area are invited to apply for casual roles as Census Field Officers.

You must be reasonably fit, have a reliable car and a home based computer.

Apply via abs.gov.au/careers
or Contact Kathryn Vine
0426 298 765



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

ROLLOUT OF THE RHDV1 K5 RABBIT VIRUS

The HCCC has registered their interest to participate in the final stages of research to support the release of the RHDV1 K5 virus as a broad release site. Landholders can also register their interest to participate in the broad area release site by contacting Simone hughes.creek1@gmail.com or Janet jhhagen@gmail.com

The closing date for all applications is 31st May 2016

After this date sites will be strategically selected throughout Australia and due to a cap on the number of free vials available priority will be given to sites that are known to be rabbit prone. All applicants will be notified in July to advise on the outcome and chosen sites will be given information on the process that will follow.

You can download the info booklet at www.pestsmart.org.au or contact Simone and a hard copy can be sent to you.

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 2nd of July to Simone hughes.creek1@gmail.com

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Classifieds and Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

Take a Bite out of Winter!
Curry Night
 (Or casserole)
Saturday July 16th
6:30PM
 Bring a dish or slow cooker to share.
 Rice, Potatoes and Bread sticks provided.
 BYO Drinks
 Gold coin donation.
 Highlands Hall, Highlands!



Please let us know if you can make it!
 Mel - 0417126975
 Judy - 0418 513340
 Highlands Community Group

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale
 or wanted by friendly locals

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 one night

**From Riverdance to
 Carmen on Four
 Guitars**

Saturday May 28th at Ruffy Hall

The Melbourne Conservatorium of Music Guitar Quartet

will be a rare treat. It is not often we have the opportunity to hear such a variety of music arranged and performed on four guitars.

Classical bass guitar, baritone guitar, standard guitar, treble guitar, and the occasional use of percussion instruments conspire to create a rich and beautiful ensemble sound.

The repertoire caters for a wide variety of tastes including music from the Irish stage production "Riverdance" to music from Bizet's opera "Carmen" to contemporary Tango and Australian rock.

BYO drinks and nibbles

(but leave some space for the famous \$5 'cake & coffee/tea' at interval)

Please book early to ensure your seat.

Adults \$25 — Students \$15 — Supervised children under 16 free.

Contact Kym: 0409 172 595 ruffartztickets@gmail.com

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 am very customer focused.

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 time work in the Yea district
 rather than travelling daily to
 Melbourne.

Please Contact Carolyn via the
 Granite News editor@tgn.org.au

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR—MAY/JUNE 2016

**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

**Thursday 26th
May
5:30pm**

SECRET MENS' 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

**Thursday 26th
May
7:30pm**

RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE—Annual General Mtng at the Ruffy Fire Shed

Includes the bi-annual election of all office bearers

All Members should attend

Contact Justus 5790 4268

**Saturday 28th
May
8.00 pm**

**Doors Open
7.30pm**

RuffArtZ "A Season of Saturdays 2016" Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd

Melbourne Guitar Quartet. Modern Australian and traditional chamber works.
'Innovative arrangements and superb ensemble playing ... a joy to listen to'.
Sit back and enjoy this magical evening. BYO drinks and nibbles.
Please book early to ensure your seat.

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**Saturday 28th
May
8:00 pm**
**Sunday 29th
May
4:00 pm**

THE EUROA CINEMA "The Jungle Book" 105 Mins (PG) Drama 3.5 stars

A remake of a classic. "Mowgli", a child raised since birth by a family of wolves must leave the only home he has known when a fearsome tiger unleashes his mighty roar! Guided by a bear and panther, the young boy meets an array of jungle animals, including a python and smooth-talking ape. The journey teaches him life-lessons of self-discovery which also leads to fun and adventure. The sensational animation will captivate both adults and children alike. Another Disney triumph

**Sunday 29th
May
10.am**

LIGHTHORSE PARK 'OPEN DAY' Lighthouse Park, Goulburn Valley Hwy Seymour

There will be a traditional Aussie morning tea of scones lamingtons and Anzac biscuits while the billy boils, followed at 11.00AM by guest speaker, historian David Howell.
Everyone welcome and please call 0428 339 989 or 0428 998 470 for catering purposes.

**Saturday 4th
June
9am — 2pm**

YEA COUNTRY MARKET

Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea

Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park.
Gold coin donation entry

**Sunday 5th
June
9am — 1pm**

TALLAROOK FARMERS' MARKET Mechanics Institute Hall, Main Road, Tallarook

One of Victoria's strongest farmers' markets, the Tallarook market is well worth a visit. A generous variety of locally grown fresh produce is on offer.

**Tuesday 7th
June 7:00pm**

TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE MEETING at the Terip Rec Reserve

Meeting of committee (guests welcome) to discuss the 'Christmas in June' event.

**Saturday 16th
July**

TAKE A BITE OUT OF WINTER—CASSEROLE NIGHT at the Highlands Hall

Bring a Dish or Slow Cooker to Share. It should be a terrific community gathering to celebrate the depths of Winter with some warm & convivial food & friendship.

Contact Mel 0417 126975 or Judy 0418 513340

TODAY !!



SAVE the DATE !!