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WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

Ruffy

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

St John's wort

Hypericum perforatum

The common name
"St John's wort" comes from its
traditional flowering and
harvesting on St John's Day,
June 24th.



Hypericum perforatum is listed as a noxious weed in more than twenty countries. In pastures, St John's wort acts as both a toxic and invasive weed. It replaces native plant communities and forage vegetation to the extent of sometimes making productive land nonviable or becoming an invasive species in natural habitats and ecosystems. Ingestion by livestock such as horses, sheep, and cattle can cause photosensitization, central nervous system depression, spontaneous abortion, and death.

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Hypericum_perforatum

Unfortunately, we are seeing more invasions of this noxious plant in the Strathbogie Ranges, with significant infestations along roadsides. It is particularly hard to kill and requires persistent annual spraying, sometimes for up to 7 years before the plant is eradicated.

By Don Cook

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENTS of the FORTNIGHT LOUIE



For a great effort answering questions in online Indonesian

WILL



For positive attitude to other participants at Senior Camp

By Di Schrapel—HPS





LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE PATERSONS CURSE



"Patersons curse needs to be sprayed at the rosette stage after full leaf expansion, but before head emergence"

Contact Simone 5790 4146 hughes.creek1@gmail.com to find out about subsidies that the HCCC can offer

THE TIME IS CLOSE FOR SPRAYING PATTO



Once again the time has come to think about looking for and spraying infestations of Patersons curse. Paton Air will be in our area over the next few months for helicopter spraying, so it's a good idea to get organised early if you are interested. The HCCC is once again offering a subsidy on chemical and helicopter costs, limits do apply. Please contact Simone as soon as possible to get on the list.

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Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
May	117.7 mm	132.5 mm
2016 Total	305.6mm	357.0mm
May Rain	14	8

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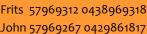
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Classifieds and Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

Creighton's Creek Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Invite you to

A Casserole and Trivia Night
Saturday 25th June
6.00pm at the Hall

Fun. Food & Prizes

Please bring a casserole and/or sweet to share
Tea and coffee provided Contact Robyn 5790 4361





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Please Contact Sam 0409 960224



HIGHLANDS SPINNERS

Highlands Spinners are at it again!

Tuesday 14th June at 11am

The kettle will be on the boil at Jan Sporry's place 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Caveat All Welcome Contact Jan 5790 4361

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	COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR—JUNE/JULY 2016		
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.		
Friday 10th June 6:30pm	*DRINKS ON THE DECK* Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation.		
Saturday 11th	THE EUROA CINEMA "The Man Who Knew Infinity" 108 Mins (PG) Bio/ Drama 3.5stars		
June 8:00 pm Sunday 12th June 4:00 pm	This is a true story of friendship that forever changed mathematics and a legacy which a seemingly simple man gave us and is something we all enjoy today! In 1913 a self-taught India mathematics genius (Dev Patel) travelled to Trinity College in Cambridge, where over the course of five years he forged a bond with his mentor, a brilliant and eccentric professor (Jeremy Irons). They fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematical genius to the world No one knows how he came about his findings and how he imagined his formulas, but it revolutionised mathematics and how scientists explain the world.		
Tuesday 14th June 11:00am	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS 450 Caveat-Dropmore Road, Caveat The Highlands Spinners will meet again at Jan Sporry's home & the kettle will be on! Contact Jan 5790 4361		
Saturday 25th June	CHRISTMAS IN JUNE TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Details to Follow		
Saturday 25th	CREIGHTONS CREEK CASSEROLE & TRIVIA NIGHT at Creightons Creek Ha		
June 6:00pm	Lots of Fun, Food and Prizes Please bring a casserole and/or sweet to share—Tea and coffee provided For further details Contact Robyn 5790 3275		
Saturday 9th	CHRISTMAS IN JULY RUFFY COMMUNITY HALL		
July 6:30pm	Complimentary Drinks & Nibbles by the open fire to welcome you. Delicious Christmas Roast Dinner with Home-made Plum Pudding. Music & Entertainment, BYO Drinks (Soft Drinks provided) This is a fundraiser for the Ruffy Rec Reserve Kitchen upgrade \$25 adult \$15 child (under 10's free)		
Sunday 10th	"The Winter Queen" A Bohemian Love Story Rosemary Hodgson – Lute		
July 4:00pm	Salon concerts at Broadford (Three Chain Road) 65kms north of Melbourne Chamber Music performed in an intimate secluded setting in the Australian bush Tickets: \$39 (earlybird \$33) A light snack can be ordered and drinks are complimentar Contact 5784 3884 or www.peterhagen.com.au Venue info with bookings		
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.		