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HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

SHEDDING LIGHT on our FARMING HISTORY

As you travel across our rural landscape it's easy to be drawn to gaze on natural wonders such as the amazing Granite outcrops, the deep gullies and flowing streams, and the magnificent centurion trees.



But it's also worth taking the time to ponder the evolution of our farming presence on the land and the supporting infrastructure that we've created down through the generations. The various configurations of Woolsheds, Hay Sheds, and Machinery Sheds that have stood the test of time are an excellent guide to our farming timelines.

There is a beauty in each one, be it the rusty iron, the rough-hewn support timbers or the crazy angles that many have adopted but somehow remain standing.



We've seen the iconic movie "The Bridges of Madison County" and along that theme it's worth taking time to drive our local back roads to see the "Sheds of Strathbogie". They really are a photographer's dream.

By Don Cook



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

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LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

FOX ON THE RUN 2016

The annual Fox On The Run competition has ended with a grand total of 199 tails handed in for the month of June.



Noye Crew: 93

Shaun Green: 46

Sam Leigh: 10

Olivia Leigh: 10

Will Tilton: 10

Ed Tilton: 10

Tully McCabe: 10

Nick McCabe: 10

All participants will be paid \$3 per tail plus an iconic "Fox on the Run" beanie. A presentation will be held on Friday 12th August at the Tablelands Community Centre at 6:30pm, with a light meal to be provided. All are welcome to attend.

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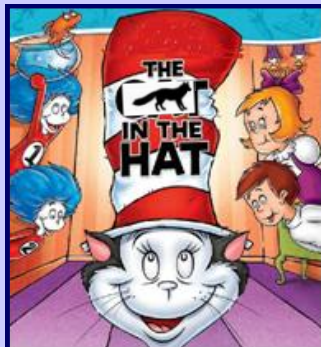
LOCAL GOINGS ON

NEXT SATURDAY

TICKETS SELLING FAST!!

CHIZIA

A frivolous and frustrating family fun evening of Chizia!



- Colossal Challenges
- Quirky Quizzing Terrific Trivia
- Sat 13th Aug 2016,
- 7-15 for 7.30 @ Ruffy Hall.
- Adults \$10, pre-teens free.
- BYO drinks & nibbles.
- Numerous rare and unique prizes

Chizia is an annual activity by the Ruffy Hall Committee.

** Fun for Ruffians and their neighbours * This is a community fund raiser*

This year the profits will go towards replacing sections of the Ruffy Hall roof.

Bookings Essential Contact Roger 0437 771 580

TRADING PLACES

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or wanted by friendly locals

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Contact editor@tgn.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT at the RUFFY STORE

Front of House Staff & Kitchen Hand

We're looking for a bright & enthusiastic person to work front-of-house. You'll need to have hospitality experience & be available weekends & public holidays

We also have an opportunity for a Kitchen Hand who has experience and/or love of food and cooking.

Hourly rates apply.
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RuffArtZ

presents **"Miss Bronte"**

Sunday Afternoon Live Theatre

A treat for book-lovers and theatre fans!

inspired by the private letters, novels and biographies of Charlotte Bronte: a one-woman show performed by Mel Dodge of Brave Theatre. Ruffy is the first venue on a state-wide tour supported by Regional Arts Victoria



2 pm Sunday August 21st @ Ruffy Hall

Afternoon tea provided — Tickets \$25 or just \$20 for groups of 6 or more

Contact Kym 0409 172 595 or Barb 0429 410 039

Remedial Health Massage

Now available at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

Dates for the next sessions in Ruffy are

**26th August
30th September
28th October
25th November**



For booking, contact Kristy Adams; 0409 999 957

Walking the Hughes Creek

Sunday 28th August is the date for our next adventure down the wilder sections of the Hughes Creek. Above average winter rainfall has made access points difficult, so we will wait for things to dry out a bit before exploring these remote sections of the creek.

Starting near Dropmore on the plateau we will follow the creek down through a series of gorges and rock formations to the middle reaches at Tarcombe. Starting 9am. Meeting place at the end of Donovan Rd Ruffy near the Woodlands/ Dropmore gate. Bring Lunch.

Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

"WANTED"

The TABLELANDS
COMMUNITY CENTRE

needs a replacement Stove for the community kitchen. Do you know anyone who might be able to donate a working electric upright stove??

**Please Contact Melissa
0404 833388**

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

In the 1980s, Pablo Escobar's Medellin cocaine cartel was spending \$2,500 a month on rubber bands just to hold all their cash.

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — AUGUST 2016

TOMORROW

**Monday 8th
August
11:00am**

HIGHLANDS SPINNERS at Jan Gorry's Place, 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat

The kettle will be on the boil and all are Welcome!

Contact Jan 5790 4361



**Friday 12th
August
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 5796 9247

**Saturday 13th
August
7:30pm**

CHIZIA — QUIRKY QUIZZING

at Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd., Ruffy

Numerous rare and unique prizes for teams from Avenel, Caveat, Creightons Creek, Dropmore, Euroa, Gobur, Highlands, Locksley, Longwood, Tarcombe, Terip, Upton Hill, Yarck & more...**Bookings Essential - Roger 0437 771 580**



**Saturday 13th
Aug 8:00 pm**

EUROA CINEMA "The Legend of Tarzan" 110 Mins (M) Drama /Action 3 Stars

IF YOU didn't get your fill of man and beast with The Jungle Book earlier this year, The Legend of Tarzan is your best bet for a little bit more. Shot almost entirely on a sound-stage in England, The Legend of Tarzan is a CGI feast, recreating late nineteenth century Congo with its thick forest and lush savannas with the magic of pixels.

**Sunday 14th
Aug 4:00 pm**

**Monday 15th
August 7:30pm**

TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB Annual General Meeting at Terip Rec Reserve
All Welcome Contact Cindy 5790 4226



**Sunday 21st
August
2.00 pm**

RuffArtZ "Miss Bronte"

Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd, Ruffy

Charlotte's story: 'Perceptive, intelligent, romantic, triumphant and tragic'
Afternoon tea provided. Please book early to ensure your seat.

Tickets: \$25 or \$20 for groups of 6 or more - contact Kym 0409 172 595
or email ruffartztickets@gmail.com ruffycommunity.com.au

**Monday 22nd
August 8:00pm**

RUFFY HALL QUARTERLY MEETING

Everyone welcome.

NOTE: CHANGE of DATE !!

Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy

Contact Sharron 57904329

**Wednesday
24th August
7:30pm**

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

Be part of an active community and come along to this Quarterly Meeting of the Action Group. Future projects and ideas to make Ruffy an even better place to live will be discussed.

Contact Verena 5790 4309

**Sunday 28th
August
9:00am**

HCCC Landcare Group Walking the Hughes Creek

Meet at the end of Donovan Rd, Ruffy — at "Woodlands" gate.

Starting near Dropmore on the plateau we will follow the creek down through a series of gorges and rock formations to the middle reaches at Tarcombe.

Bring Lunch.

Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268



**Saturday 24th
&
Sunday 25th
September**

YEA ROTARY GARDEN EXPO

at the Yea Racecourse

You are invited to join this Expo and market your range of goods and services.

The Yea Racecourse provides an ideal venue for the expo as we have facility for over 130 stall holders to display their products/services without feeling cramped and also have ample capacity for free parking. We will have food vendors on site and will also provide activities for children. Contact Jim Osborne yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com

SAVE the DATES !!