

**10th YEAR !!**

THE GRANITE NEWS

9TH OCTOBER 2016

VOLUME 10

ISSUE 32

WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

PEOPLE AND PLACES

SEYMOUR'S OWN

37th Infantry Battalion AIF, 1916



This year is the 100th anniversary of the formation of the 37th Infantry Battalion AIF in Seymour.

They trained at Seymour Army Camp, and set out from Seymour Railway Station in June 1916. Training intensively on Salisbury Plain in England they subsequently arrived in France in November 1916. At the end, of one thousand men there remained a fighting strength of just ninety. Protesting at their tight knit unit being broken up, they were immortalised as *"The Indivisibles"*.

The Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Committee would be very pleased if any relatives or friends of the 37th could attend at the unveiling of a commemorative plinth to celebrate the men of the 37th Battalion AIF on Saturday 15 October 2016 at 10.30AM at Railway Place, Seymour (opposite the Railway Station)

Please RSVP to PO Box 941 Seymour VIC 3660

Contact 5792 1848 or info@lighthorsepark.org.au

Tablelands Rainfall

| Month | Highlands | Ruffy |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| September | 149.6mm | 161.0mm |
| 2016 Total | 809.2mm | 706.5mm |
| September Rain Days | 20 | 17 |

FINDING FOXY Issue 31 2016
Shindig Boot Foxy Page 3

CAR BOOT SALE AT RUFFY

Sunday October 16th

**At the beautiful Ruffy
Recreation Reserve**

Only \$10 per site

**Contact Marj Leigh
5790 4298**



Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative

Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007
To subscribe online go to
www.highlands.org.au

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

BLACKBERRY



Blackberry was first introduced to Australia in the early 1800's, it has been estimated to have spread through 8.8 million hectares.

Blackberry spreads by seed, rooting of cane tips and suckers.

Blackberry not only reduces pasture production it prevents access to waterways and provides harbour for pest animals such as rabbits and foxes. One berry can contain up to 80 seeds which can spread locally or at distance by birds and other animals.

Blackberry is best sprayed when in flower, November to late February. If conditions are suitable spraying can start in November and continue through to May. Spraying should not continue after the leaves change colour.

Blackberry should not be burnt on site as this can encourage seed germination.

A chemical subsidy is available from HCCC Landcare.

Contact Janet Hagen 57904268

HCCC SPRAY UNITS

Tarcombe— Rob Hayes 5790 4319
Caveat—Michael Kopanica 5790 4235
Highlands— Scott McKay 5796 9259
Ruffy— Don Cook 5790 4007

**\$33 per Spray Day/\$100 per Season
Payment on Invoice from
HCCC Landcare**

Habbies Howe Beef

Mature Well Hung
and Available
Gary's Meat Prahan
Market
Berties of Richmond
and St Helena
www.habbieshowe.com.au

**KOPANICA PASTORAL
EXCAVATIONS**



PH. 0357 904 235
MOB. 0429 804 235

RABBIT RIPPING, DAMS, DRIVEWAYS
GENERAL EARTHWORKS &
MACHINERY HIRE

LANDMARK

**52 High Street, YEA
Ph 5797 2799**

Manager/ Livestock: Chris Pollard
0428 993860
Real Estate: Stuart Oddy
0402 349120
Merchandise: Bernie Lanigan
0409 525122
www.landmark.com.au

Donation from
Supporters of the
Brush-tailed Phascogale



Brush-tailed Phascogale

**BILLABONG
HYDRAULIC
WATER RAMS**



© 2014 Misal Technologies Pty. Ltd.

- Needs NO electricity or fuels to run & operates with zero operating costs
- Nearest thing to perpetual motion
- Self-lubricating & low maintenance
- Gives long-lasting service
- Harness your own hydraulic power to pump water using only water

Manufactured by Misal Technologies Pty. Ltd.
Ph: 03 9876 5222 www.misaltech.com
Email: misaltech@bigpond.com

**HILLSIDE
FENCING &
WEED SPRAYING**



SUSAN & PETER KRICKIC
0421 407 721 (03) 5796 9192

**FRANZ KLOFT
MECHANICAL REPAIRS**
Repairs & service of
vehicles

Tyres, Windscreens, Brakes,
Batteries, Exhausts,
Wheel alignment,
Automatic transmission
Phone 5795 2910
38 Railway Street, Euroa
FREE QUOTES

ruffy
produce store
www.ruffy.com.au

open lunch fridays
dinner every
friday night
weekends & holidays
breakfast from 8.30am
lunch from 12 noon
bookings a good idea
phone 5790 4387

**AG Fencing &
Contracting Services**
Grant Wheatley

All fence constructions,
Equipment maintenance &
Pump repairs,
Blasting Service
"Not sure if we do it?"
Give us a call
0407 028 122

**Koponica
Pastoral
Company P/L**
Livestock, Water and
General Cartage

We Will Cart Anything

Phone **5790 4235**
Mobile **0447 775 247**

BenCo
PLUMBING SERVICES

Ben Laycock
License no. 105134

0438512299

bencoplumbingservices.com
ben@bencoplumbingservices.com.au

**EUROA
PRINTERS**

We do the lot!

print and design single to full process colour
photocopy business cards graphic design
brochures Large format printing order books
laminating digital imaging invoice books
stubby holders envelopes and more!

45-47 Railway Street, Euroa
(03) 5795 1655

**Robert
Hamilton**




Earthmoving

*Specialising in General earthmoving
Erosion Control, Dams, Roadways,
Clearing, Ripping, House/Shed sites
* A range of small & large equipment

Contact Rob Hamilton
0429 059602

EZY ELECTRICAL SERVICES



Phone Ian on
: 0408990487
: 57904328

Registered Electrical Contractor:
License No. 16959

MACSHAY
Hay & Silage
Contractors



Rounds and Small Squares
We also do Contract Slashing
& General Freight Carriers

Frits 57969312 0438969318
John 57969267 0429861817

CF & HL HANDASYDE BUILDERS
Established 1978
NEW HOMES, EXTENSIONS,
RENOVATIONS, DOMESTIC, RURAL
ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS.
Registered Building Practitioner

Call Colin for a quote
Telephone: 0419 502 782
handasydebuilders@bigpond.com

LAWSON



General earthworks & hole boring
Diesel repairs & servicing
Metal fabrication & welding
Shed construction & removal

Callum - 0437 182 223 5796 9265
lawsonbluetop@gmail.com

**AB Home, Garden &
Property Services**

For regular help or one-off
projects like painting,
tiling, carpentry, gardening,
fence repairs, and more...
call Andrew on
048 777 1234

**EDUCATION SPACE
For Hire**

The Tablelands Community
Centre at Ruffy
(Opposite The Ruffy Store)

Ideal for Meetings, Lectures or
Information Sharing

Very Reasonable Rates
Contact Melissa Macdowall
0404 833388

**Sawmilling &
timber
cutting**



ON SITE

Jack Norton
0423 379755

MAFEKING ROVER PARK



Camping, Cabins, Multi-Purpose
Hall & Picnic Shelter, Abselling,
Archery, Bush Walks, BMX Track,
9 Hole Golf Course & Much more!

Bookings: 03 9111 0030
Site Phone: 03 5797 6351
www.mafekingroverpark.com

**ALL ROUND
PLUMBING**




For All Your Plumbing
& Drainage Needs
Drainage, Gas, Sewer.
Monthly Specials
Phone Paul: 0418 393 596
www.allroundplumbinganddrainage.com.au
Licence no. 35985

Chris Sharman
Energy Efficiency & Solar
Energy Specialist

**Acme - Air Conditioning |
Electrical | Solar**

M: 0418 551 301 |
T: Office - 9785 7339
E: chris@acmeair.com.au



FMS FARM MONITORING SOLUTIONS

Remotely manage your rural
property from your smart
phone, tablet or
computer...from anywhere.

Tank Levels—Camera
Weather—Electric Fence
Phil Whitten 0488 093970
sales@farmms.net www.farmms.net

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS WALK

In surprising sunshine on 25th September twenty people aged from eleven to eighty walked with Andrew Shaw from Spaniak Road along Woolshed Creek to the dam on 'Strathnaver'.

It was a beautiful day for walking, the countryside very green and lush, and we were rewarded by glimpses of platypus frolicking in the water when we reached the dam.

Prof. Neil Phillips observed "One thing that was not lacking on the walk was granite. The early stage was open paddocks with scattered low outcrops that were well spread out. These were coarse and had the characteristic large white feldspar grains found throughout the Highlands district.

A distinctive mineral here was cordierite, relatively uncommon in granites globally but very widespread in the Strathbogie Ranges."

The next Highlands Ramblers Walk will be on Sunday 30th October when we will continue our journey from the dam to Dropmore Road. Bring a carry lunch & meet at Highlands Community Hall ready to leave at 10.30am.

For more information contact Judy Reid on 5796 9358.

By Neil Phillips and Judy Reid



Jim & Jill Davidson and friends celebrate the Bulldogs' victory

DAVO's DOGGIES BREAK THE DROUGHT



Terip Terip's Jim Davidson was a boy in short pants when his beloved Footscray Bulldogs won their last Premiership.

A bunch of friends turned out at Louise & Gerry Ginnivan's place to support Jim & Jill during the nerve-racking but fantastic 2016 AFL Grand Final. There may or may not have been a tear in Jim's eye as the final siren sounded to herald the Bulldogs' 12 point victory.

If the 19 people who turned up to support Jim had instead been at the MCG, that crowd would have been exactly 100,000 !

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

Most people notice a distinct smell in the air after it rains following a dry spell.
That smell after rain is caused by soil bacteria called actinomycetes

WHITEHEADS CREEK LANDCARE

(The originals)

Annual General Meeting
7pm Wednesday October 19th
at Whiteheads Creek Hall
next to WHC fire station
ALL WELCOME



GONE MISSING !

The HCCC Landcare "Potaputki" Tree Planter has gone missing.
If anyone knows its whereabouts please call Scott McKay
5796 9259

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — SEPT/OCT 2016



**Friday 14th
October
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 15th
October
9am—1pm**

EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa

"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"

A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.
Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org

**Saturday 15th
Oct 8:00 pm

Sunday 16th
Oct 4:00 pm**

EUROA CINEMA "Down Under"

90 mins — Rated MA15+ — Comedy

A black comedy set in the aftermath of the Cronulla riots, where two carloads of hotheads from both sides of the fight destined to collide. **AUSTRALIAN FILM**

**Sunday 16th
October
Time TBA**

CAR BOOT SALE

at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, Noye Lane Ruffy

Only \$10 per site under the shady Oak Trees.

Contact Marj Leigh 5790 4298



**Saturday 22nd
Sunday 23rd

October**

Alexandra & District Open Gardens Weekend

Tickets and the Garden Guide book for the Open Gardens Weekend can be purchased from the Alexandra Visitor Information Centre, Alexandra Garden Centre and at each open garden. For details of all 9 open gardens go to www.alexandraopengardens.com.au

**Thursday 27th
October
5:30pm**

SECRET MEN'S 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



**Friday 28th
October
Various Times**

REMEDIAL MASSAGE

at The Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

Deep tissue massage - Sports massage - Relaxation massage - Bowen therapy

For bookings contact Kristy Adams 0409 999 957



**Sunday 30th
October
10:30am**

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

Meet at Highlands Hall

We will continue our journey from the dam to Dropmore Road.

Bring a carry lunch. **For more info Contact Judy Reid 5796 9358**



**Sunday 6th
November
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.

**Sunday 27th
November
11:30am**

Highlands Primary School Closing Celebration Day

We're inviting all past and current staff and students along with members of the Highlands & Tablelands community to spend the day reminiscing and celebrating 114 years of wonderful education.

If you wish to be of assistance beforehand and/or on the day please contact

hpsclosingcelebrationday@gmail.com

miranda.yorston.outlook.com

**SAVE
the
DATE**

0408 969 261

More details to follow in coming issues of the Granite News