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HUGHES CREEK

## SHAKE RATTLE 'n ROLL at the SHINDIG IN THE SHED

Following on from last year's 'Habbies Hoedown', the Highlands/Caveat community came together again last weekend for the 'Shindig in the Shed' at McCooeys.

Things started quietly enough as old friends caught up for a chat, a few drinks and some terrific tucker while new arrivals to the district were welcomed into the Tablelands fold; but once Chris and Josef fired up their band and began to deliver their catalogue of 60s, 70s & 80s favourites the night really got jumping.



Just about everyone was on the dance floor at some stage, showing off their sometimes unique dance moves and generally having a damn good time. This event began back in 2012 as a Woolshed Dance fundraiser for the Highlands Primary School but with the imminent closure of the school the Highlands/Caveat community is committed to maintaining it as an opportunity for the community to come together at least once a year in a spirit of togetherness & goodwill. There can be no doubt that those values were in abundance last Saturday night. *By Don Cook*



## FIRE SEASON IS NOT FAR AWAY

We've had record breaking rainfall across Victoria since May and we're all rejoicing the spilling dams, boggy soaks & running springs.

Landholders should be planning to complete their winter burn-offs well ahead of the fire season to ensure that there's no chance of re-ignition because we can't be sure how the summer will shape up.

Remember to notify **Victorian Bushfire Information Line** prior to commencing a burn-off **Phone 1800 668511**



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### READERS' WRITES

Thank you to Callum Lawson of Lawson Earthworks for taking time out to dispose of an old threatening Blackwood Tree at the Caveat Church as a Community Service.  
**From the Caveat Community.**

### LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

#### AERIAL SPRAYING OF PATERSONS CURSE 2016



Thanks to a private sponsor the HCCC has been able to subsidise the cost of aerial spraying in the Highlands area in 2016.

This project has been running for a number of years now, with over 10 loads subsidised in 2016.

We would like to thank our private sponsor for making this possible to landholders who expressed their interest to participate once again. It had been noted that this year in particular the growth and spread of Patersons curse has increased, so being able to control this in a broad area has been fantastic. We would also like to thank Paton Air who provide their expert services every year and also the landholders who participated, after a few false starts due to weather we finally got there!



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## Classifieds and Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### BIODIVERSITY SPRING 2016

Celebrate the natural environment by taking part in Biodiversity Spring – more than three months of mostly free events that showcase biodiversity across the Goulburn Broken and North East catchments.

Upcoming activities on the Biodiversity Spring program include breakfast with the birds, field days, nature rambles, wildflower walks, spotlight walks, ecology courses, art and photography, bush tucker, a wildflower showcase and children's activities.

Find out more about this year's program go to <https://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com>



## Two large Country Gardens open in Cathkin & Koriella

**Alexandra & District Open Gardens Weekend October 22nd — 23rd**



*Cally & Dick Sinclair's Cathkin garden*

Cally & Dick Sinclair's large country garden at Cathkin provides a wonderful private space for the family whilst also letting in the beautiful farming surrounds in which it sits.

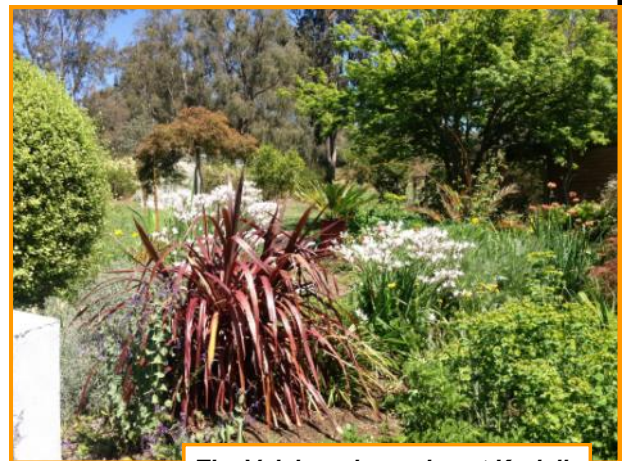
'Merrinehbk' is a two acre garden that boasts several majestic aged trees that have provided the frame work for the reworked garden. Cally is a landscape designer who has showcased the existing trees by using the simplest of plantings and a series of garden 'rooms' to create a garden that flows.

A short distance away Mandy and Bjorn Valsinger's garden, 'Gryfend'or', is a spacious garden with sweeping lawns and clever use of shrubbery to make sure the garden is not only appealing but is also highly productive.

Mandy says this is a garden that was designed to suit her lifestyle and interests with a definite emphasis on outdoor entertaining, home grown food and even home-made honey. Mandy's love for entertaining shows as 'Gryfend'or' offers both a shady paved south-side courtyard as well as a large gravelled barbeque area that overlooks a spectacular dam filled with a brilliant show of lotus and waterlilies.

Tickets for the Alexandra Open Gardens Weekend from the Alexandra Visitor Information Centre.

Details of all 9 open gardens can be found on the website: [www.alexandraopengardens.com.au](http://www.alexandraopengardens.com.au)



*The Valsinger's garden at Koriella*



### Notice of Temporary Bridge Closure—Dropmore Road

As part of Mitchell Shire Council's 2016-17 capital works program we will be renewing a bridge on Dropmore Road Highlands. This work will require a road closure of approx. 3 weeks weather dependant. At this stage the road will be closed to all traffic from Monday 24th October until Monday 14th November 2016 with a detour for residents east of the bridge as follows. Dropmore Rd, Caveat-Dropmore Rd to Highlands Rd. The contractors will be arranging for VMS boards to be placed at the intersections of Highlands - Dropmore Rd and Gum Rd- Caveat-Dropmore Rd.

Emergency Services, School bus operators, postal contractors and other stake holders have been notified..

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

**Sunday 16th  
October  
Time TBA**

**TODAY !!!**

## **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



**Monday 17th  
October  
8:00pm**

## **RUFFY ADULT RIDERS CLUB**

Annual General Meeting — All Welcome.

at Ruffy Recreation Reserve

Contact Kerry Hewlett 0409438678

**Wednesday 19th  
October  
7:00pm**

## **WHITEHEADS CREEK LANDCARE**

at the Whiteheads Creek Hall

Annual General Meeting and everybody is welcome to attend.

**Friday 21st  
October  
10:00am**

## **LANDCARE TOUR of the JUNCTION of HUGHES & COUNTY CREEKS**

Landcare are organising a tour of the junction of the Hughes Creek and County Creek in Tarcombe with Rob Hayes and Goulburn Broken CMA staff.

Any landholders interested in seeing the rehabilitation work already done on the County Creek and discussing ideas for new works are invited to attend. Meet at Rob Hayes' front gate



**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](http://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**

### **HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL – No. 3440**

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.

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