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HUGHES CREEK

## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### Paddock Tree Twilight Field Day

The upcoming paddock tree twilight field day is promising to be a ripper.

Lindy Lumsden one of Australia's leading bat experts has agreed to come along and talk about the role of paddock trees in our landscapes, bats and the interaction of the two in maintaining balance in our ecosystems. So as well as some talks, a paddock walk and BBQ dinner we will be doing some bat spotting as the sun sets. Other speakers will be Cathy Olive and Kim Wilson from the Arboretum who have done a lot of work on paddock trees; Beatrix Spencer who did her Master of Environment thesis on the social significance of paddock trees and, Bert Lobert and Janet Hagen will be on hand to fill-in any gaps.



Our hosts for this great event, Lindsay and Marta, have agreed to have us at their Oak Valley Road property near Longwood.

The event to be held on Saturday 19 November will start at 5.00pm and end as the sun sets and the bats come out to play.

RSVP by email or SMS if you are coming and you will be sent the address .

[michael@fernhill.com.au](mailto:michael@fernhill.com.au)

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### STUDENTS of the WEEK



**Emily Gilbert**

**For consistently working hard and setting an example for other students.**



**Daniel Deglaitis**

**For the consistent effort he applies to all areas of the curriculum**

*By Maree Moyle—Principal, HPS*

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**Hughes Creek**  
Catchment Collaborative

### The Ruinous Rabbit

24 rabbits were released near Winchelsea Victoria in 1859 and quickly established themselves across Australia, increasing to an estimated 600 million by the 1990's.



There've been many control attempts with varying degrees of success, no one method has proven completely successful. In the early 1950's the myxomatosis virus killed almost 99.8% of the rabbit population, however within a few short years the rabbit population had increased again. The RHD or RCD virus was introduced in the mid 1990's with a 50% kill rate in arid areas, with a new strain of the virus to be released over the next 12 months.

Studies also indicate the myxomatosis infection rate has dropped to 40%, so disease cannot be relied upon alone, to control rabbit populations.

The HCCC offers a 50% rabbit ripping subsidy. There's no limit to the hours you can request, however if more than 8 hours your property will need to be inspected prior to work commencing.

To receive the subsidy, the HCCC facilitator will need to inspect your property before & after the excavator has ripped. The inspection can be organised by email and will take about an hour on site. Once the ripping has been approved it will be up to you to organise a contractor to carry out the approved work.

For information on the subsidy

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## Classifieds and Community Notices

### Memorials to the Great War



#### Join Jeff Starkey for a talk on **The Silent Sentinels**

Over 90 Memorials were created in the old Euroa and Violet Town Shires during and after the Great War. Just half still exist. The Memorials are Silent Sentinels to a past whose stories have been forgotten.

Why were they created, when and by whom?

What do they tell us about those who served and the communities they came from?

The evening will include a showing of photos of the Euroa Higher Elementary School's "Red Book", and an outline of the Memorial to be built on the old Telecom site at Euroa.



**Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 6.30pm  
at Euroa Library 62 Binney Street**

Light refreshments provided by the Friends of Euroa Library. Bookings required.

Please phone Euroa Library 1300 374 765  
by Friday 4 November 2016

### Highlands Primary School Closing Celebration Day

**Sunday  
November 27th  
Commencing  
at 11.30am**

**Formal speeches at  
1.00pm**

**Photographic &  
historical records on  
display,  
children's activities  
and a light BBQ lunch  
available all day.**

**Please RSVP to**

[hpsclosingcelebrationday@gmail.com](mailto:hpsclosingcelebrationday@gmail.com)

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**Highlands Primary  
School  
No- 3440**

#### Historical fact

**The Highlands School was  
burned to the ground in  
1934 and all early records  
were lost.**

**Temporary quarters were  
used in a house about a  
½ mile west. The present  
Highlands Hall, with  
schoolroom attached, was  
built and school resumed  
here, again on a part time  
basis with Molesworth  
Gap.**

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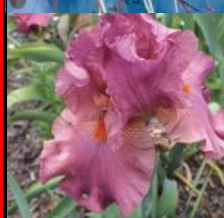
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#### SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

**How come when the stars  
are out they're visible, but  
when the lights are out  
they're invisible?**

#### SHEARER REQUIRED HIGHLANDS

I'm looking for a shearer to clip  
my pet sheep.

Please contact Carolyn  
Old Highlands Road

**0409 000836**



# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — NOVEMBER 2016



**Tuesday 1st  
November  
12noon**

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON** at Terip Terip Recreation Reserve  
Champagne Lunch -Live Screening of the Race-Sweepstakes-Fashion on the Field  
Please bring a salad or sweet to share-\$20 Adult \$50 Family **Contact Helen 5790 4211**

**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.

**Tuesday 8th  
November  
6:30pm**

**MEMORIALS TO THE GREAT WAR** at the Euroa Library  
The Friends of the Euroa Library present Jeff Sharkey discussing the 90 memorials throughout the old Euroa & Violet Town shires.  
Bookings required Contact 1300 374765

**Friday 11th  
November  
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**



**Friday 11th  
November  
until  
Sunday 13th  
November**

**RUFFY ARTFEST** Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd Ruffy  
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**Sunday 13th  
November  
9am—12noon**

**HIGHLANDS WORKING BEE** at The Highlands Hall  
Jobs include weeding, cleaning, pruning, brush cutting, & mowing the school grounds. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch at the hall. Come along & join in.  
Contact Judy 5796 9358

**Saturday 19th  
November  
5:00pm**

**TWILIGHT PADDOCK TREE FIELD DAY** Oak Valley Road, Longwood  
Strathbogie Ranges CMN is conducting a twilight field day that includes a walk, some talks and a BBQ Dinner.  
Register at [michael@fern hills.com.au](mailto:michael@fern hills.com.au) or Contact Michael Spencer 0439 381144

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
November  
8.00pm  
Doors Open  
7.30pm**

**RUFFARTZ "A Season of Saturdays"** at the Ruffy Community Hall  
Backwards & In High Heels: Kelly Auty & Band. Kelly showcases the music, lives and fashions of great women singers from the 1950s to '80s. Don't miss this soulful, sensational final show for the year.  
BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25. Please book early to ensure your seat.  
Bookings: Kym on 0409 172 595 [ruffartztickets@gmail.com](mailto:ruffartztickets@gmail.com)

**Thursday 24th  
November  
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



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

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

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