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FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Revegetation at your Fingertips

Are you keen to know what natives to plant on your property? The answer is now at your fingertips with the Goulburn Broken Revegetation Guide now available online at Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's website.



Jim Begley & Kim Wilson use the guide in the field

Goulburn Broken CMA Project
Officer Jim Begley said the
new online version offered
much of the same practical
information as the old hard
copy guide but now included
even more species.

"The guide still offers general vegetation profiles but we've expanded the lists of species

to include plants that are suitable for providing structure and cover, or that add to the diversity of a site," Mr Begley said. The guide has been used successfully by Landcare and other natural resource management groups and individuals for more than a decade. "For example, it has guided species selection for the recent 20 Million Trees and Biodiversity Fund revegetation projects in the catchment," Mr Begley said.

"Thanks to funding through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and after much community consultation and engagement, the original guide has been built on to produce an online web tool that will continue to be of great benefit to farmers and revegetation practitioners into the future." Mr Begley thanked Fiona McCallum (Phi-R Pty Ltd) and Kim Wilson (Euroa Arboretum) as well as other botany experts from across the Catchment for their input into the new-look guide.

The new online Revegetation Guide can be found at:

https://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/revegetation/index.html

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Thanks for your patience.

Don Cook

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

Mikhail Kalashnikov, the inventor of the AK-47 assault rifle has said he wished that he'd invented something to help farmers instead — "for example a lawnmower."

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Classifieds and Community Notices

Daryl Delivers at Ruffy Store

It took some years for Helen to convince chef Daryl Doyle that his destiny was at the Ruffy Store, but he's there at last.

Classically trained as a pastry chef at Ferguson Plarre, Daryl took a career move to Bakers Delight before going corporate with Coles Myer as a store manager.



Chef Daryl Doyle shares Helen's vision for the Ruffy Store's future

The call of the country was strong and he broadened his experience in country hotels; becoming a specialist in high volume short order catering.

Daryl, now 47, moved into fine dining as 2nd Chef at the Yarck Tea Rooms before relocating 100 metres up the road to the Yarck Hotel where he consolidated his local reputation in a 3 year engagement as Head Chef. A turn at Holmesglen Eildon came next for Daryl before he took a 3 year break to drive tractors.

After running the kitchen at the revitalised Alexandra Hotel, Daryl was finally lured up the hill to the Ruffy Store where he has made an impressive impact in a very short time. While mentoring 2nd chef Ricardo, Daryl has a vision to work with Helen to take the Ruffv Store to another level with regular cooking classes and a menu of hearty comfort foods when the Strathbogie Ranges' winter chill sets in.

Upper Goulburn Landcare Network Green Army Team - Recruiting Now.

We are seeking motivated young people aged 17-24 years who want to participate in a hands-on environmental Green Army 20 week project in the Murrindindi Shire starting in March. The role will require you to work as part of a small team, led by a Team Supervisor. Ideal applicants will be young people looking for employment and who are keen to develop work skills while undertaking training & gaining experience in conservation and land management.

The participants will not only be generating real environmental benefits for our community, but they will be gaining valuable practical training and experience to help them prepare for the workforce or further training and improve their career opportunities.

The position will be 4 days per week (30 hours) for 20 weeks, you will receive an allowance and will commence 6th March 2017. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

The Green Army is already making a real difference to our environment through projects such as restoring and protecting habitat, fencing off waterways and native vegetation, weed control, tree planting, fauna monitoring and nest box installation and restoring cultural heritage places.

Information can be found online http://www.manpower.com.au/jobseekers/greenarmy.aspx

> **Chris Cobern Landcare Coordinator Upper Goulburn** Landcare Network 0413 855 490





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Three sheep, wandering along Creightons Creek Rd Ruffy, early New Year,

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SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

Obsessive nose picking is called Rhinotillexomania

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| | COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — FEBRUARY 2017 |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| CFA W/C Sunday Feb 5th | Highlands/CaveatDriver: Steve McAlpin Radio: Jo Welch Ruffy4th Lieutenant Susan Sleigh's Team |
| Thursday 2nd | WORLD WETLANDS DAY Morning Walk with the Birds |
| February 7:15am—9am | The walk will start at Yea's Y Water Discovery Centre, Cnr Hood & High St., Yea Bring your camera and binoculars and join us for an expertly guided walk with Murrindindi Birdwatchers. This is a free event. Book at wetlands.yea@gmail.com |
| Friday 10th February 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. Contact Judy 5796 9247 |
| Friday 17th | RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP COMMUNITY MEETING & DINNER Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy |
| February From 6:30pm | What is the future of the Ruffy Community Action Group? That's the important question to be discussed at this meeting to which all community members are invited. Please mark this date prominently in your diary, more details in next issue of Granite News. Contact Verena Weinmann 5790 4309 |
| Saturday 18th | EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa |
| February 9am—1pm | "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org |
| Friday 24th | REMEDIAL HEALTH MASSAGE at Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy |
| February From 10am | Kristy Adams, from Euroa Deep tissue massage— Sports massage— Relaxation massage NST – Bowen Therapy Kristy is a member of the Australian Association of Massage Therapist (AAMT) and treatments are claimable on private health extras cover. Bookings need to be placed directly with Kristy a week prior to Ruffy sessions. |
| | Contact Kristy 0409 999957 |
| Friday 24th | HCCC LANDCARE at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy |
| February 7:30pm | Monthly Landcare meeting to discuss and promote essential and innovative environmental management issues that affect every landholder. All welcome Contact Mel Bronca 0417 126975 |
| Sunday 26th | NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie |
| February 9am—1pm | Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. Further details Contact nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au |
| Sunday 26th March 2017 10:30am | HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meet at the Highlands Hall Bring a carry lunch & a water bottle. Our destination has not yet been decided. For more details Contact Judy Reid on 5796 9358 |