



FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

Dung Beetles - 2017 Summer Survey

It's been a good Summer for dung beetles – which species are working on your farm?



Between 2006 and 2008 Landcare ran a dung beetle project across the Goulburn Broken Catchment. As part of the project 128 dung beetle 'starter colonies', of nine different species were released. The releases included both summer- and winter-active dung beetles. The goal of the releases was to establish additional species that would increase the amount of dung being buried by dung beetles across all seasons, thereby improving on-farm fertility and reducing nutrient run-off into wetlands, streams and dams.

Now, ten years on, it's time to reassess the status of dung beetles in our catchment. Has the species diversity of dung beetles on your farm improved? Were the releases of 'new' species ten years ago successful? Those of you with stock will already have noticed that it's been a good season for summer dung beetle activity, so now seems an ideal time to check what's around.

Surveying the dung beetles on your property is easy - here's how you can help.

You will need:

- * A bucket, about half-full of water.
- * A shovel or garden trowel.
- * A plastic, ice-cream, or take-away, container with lid.
- * An old spoon, or a small sieve (don't use the tea strainer!).
- * An empty tin can, or old cup.
- * Very hot water, or a freezer.

Next week we'll describe the method for collection of your dung beetles, along with a map of the 2006-2008 release sites. It will be interesting to plot the distribution of our valuable dung beetles.

By Janet Hagen



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READERS' WRITES

"Thanks Granite News for the article about the Goulburn Broken Revegetation Guide now being available online. We obtained a hard copy some years ago via a friend in the "Department", and it has been our bible for choosing plantings for our Tablelands property. Just about everything we've planted has thrived because they are indigenous to our local landscape. We're thrilled that now everyone will have free access to this invaluable resource."

—Felicity Sloman, Hampton

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Tablelands Rainfall

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
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2017Total	42.8 mm	68.5 mm
January Rain Days	5	5

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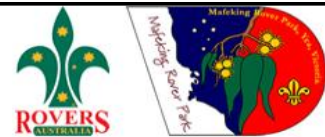
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PEOPLE AND PLACES

SMILE — THIS WON'T HURT A BIT

Dentist Dr John Paul Lee 's journey from South Korea via New Zealand has landed him at Corner Stone Dental in Seymour.

Having achieved his Bachelor of Dental Science at Otago University, John Paul chose to leave his parents and siblings in the land of the long white cloud to take advantage of greater scope in Australia for general dentistry and implant surgery. He worked around regional Australia and grew fond of the Aussie rural lifestyle, so when the opportunity came 3 years ago to acquire his own practice he snapped it up.



Dr John Paul Lee & Staff—All Smiles!

John Paul's mantra is retention & maintenance of natural teeth rather than extraction, and one of his goals is to set up a schools-based preventative dental health project. He is a very fit 37 year old who plays tennis and travels extensively to international conferences to stay abreast of best dental practice & technology. In July each year John Paul takes a self-funded 10 day church-based field dentistry trip to Zambia as a volunteer. He says that his reward is the heart warming experience of seeing the smiles of the folk who would have no hope of affording modern dentistry.

The Corner Stone Dental practice employs 5 staff, including two dental nurses and John Paul says that he is happily settled in the Seymour district where he can enjoy a rural lifestyle but still be fully connected.

Corner Stone Dental has chosen to be a Granite News sponsor for 2017.

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Shearers coming. Shed's on its way

On the fifth of October Bungle Boori will start shearing its sheep. It will take about two weeks. Meanwhile the shearing shed is being reconstructed, it is now nearly finished. There are two great new gate devices. During the two weeks the whole of Bungle Boori will be busy.

As One Comes,

One Goes

REPORTER
A Maclean

A few days ago the Nicholls bought a new dog, they named it Boof. Their old dog, Clyde, had to be put down because he had a strange illness very bad. Clyde's back had too much pressure on it. Everyone in Bungle Boori is sad to hear the news.



DO YOU HAVE ANY announcements

or suggestions
to make?

Tell us at the

Bungle Boori

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HIGHLANDS SPINNERS

The first meeting of
the Highlands Spinning Club
for 2017
will be Monday 13th. February

Same place – 450 Caveat-
Dropmore Road, Caveat.
Ph. 5790 4361.

Same time – 11am.

Hope to see you, Jan

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017



**W/C Sunday
Feb 12th**

Highlands/Caveat.....Driver: Frits Pompe Radio: Chris Bennett
Ruffy.....1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team

**Friday 10th
February
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 17th
February
From 6:30pm**

RUFFY ACTION GROUP COMMUNITY DINNER & WORKSHOP

Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy

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**

See Attached Flier

**Saturday 18th
February
9am—1pm**

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**Friday 24th
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at Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

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Contact Kristy 0409 999957



**Friday 24th
February
7:30pm**

HCCC LANDCARE

at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

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
February
9am—1pm**

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**Monday 13th
March
9am—2pm**

SEYMOUR LIONS CLUB LABOUR DAY MARKET

Goulburn Park, Seymour

A wide range of stalls, exhibitors and entertainment for young and old including an animal farm, balloon artist and carnival rides. The local car club have a wonderful display for you to enjoy. **Stalls can still be obtained by contacting Brenda 0427 234 474**

**Sunday 26th
March 2017
10:30am**

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

meet at the Highlands Hall

Andrew Shaw is planning to take us from the corner of Highlands Road & Spaniaks Road to Lades Road through forest fire tracks past several old huts.

All welcome. Bring a carry lunch & a water bottle. **Contact Judy Reid 5796 9358**

