

PEOPLE AND PLACES**TERIP TERIP — NEW HOME to SOME VERY SMART ASSES**

When New Zealand born offshore oil-rig engineer John Hanton and his wife Deb retired to their property on the Terip escarpment they could have chosen to just sit and soak up the magnificent views to Mt Buller; but that would have been too easy. Instead, they've chosen to develop the only open range Donkey farm that is accessible to the public.



John & Deb Hanton—dedicated to Donkey welfare

relocated to Terip last November where they've created 'Amelia Rise Donkeys' in a wonderful free range environment where these social animals with a surprisingly gentle temperament can interact with visitors young and old.

Most of the Donkey breeds are represented at Amelia Rise; Micro—Miniature—Woolly—Irish—Australian and an American Mammoth named "Tex".

Hee Haw Farm is a real menagerie, with rescued dogs, a hand reared damara sheep and 19 Donkeys of many sizes and breeds.

A retired social worker, Deb took in her first Donkey about 10 years ago. It was a little Irish breed and she then collected another to keep it company. The Donkey population at Deb & John's Yea property seemed to just keep growing so they



Donkeys are social with quiet temperaments



Inquisitive, gentle and easy going

Deb says that down the years Donkeys have been given an undeserved bad rap. According to Deb they are highly intelligent, inquisitive, they form strong relationships with individual people as well as others of their own breed. They are traditional beasts of burden but very rarely require a bit in the mouth for control, just a nudge on the flank will have them move in the required direction.

Some Donkey Facts that might interest you:

- *The average Donkey lifespan is 35 years with an animal in the USA recently living to the age of 72
- *Donkeys have been known to jump fences from a standing start
 - *A Donkey over a Horse will produce a Mule
 - *A Horse over a Donkey will produce a Hinney
 - *The American term for a Donkey is an Ass
 - *The Mexican term for a Donkey is a Burro

Amelia Rise Donkeys, 915 Terip Road Terip is open Wednesday to Sunday and entry is by gold coin donation. **Contact Deb 0412 251114**
All donations go to the Donkey Society of Victoria



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

RuffArtZ

says a **huge** thankyou to four retiring committee members. **Sharron Batt**—founding member, creative heart ‘n soul and coordinator for many years; **John McLean** — talent spotter, tech-wiz & hall set-up guru; **Robyn Sheehan** — fabulous long-term committee member, ideas person & cake coordinator extraordinaire and **Brian Sheehan** — set-up and valuable all-rounder. What a mighty effort, with so many wonderful shows brought to Ruffy Hall over the past 18 years. Thank You!!

But never fear: the show(s) will go on – with new people joining the committee - rolling up their sleeves to keep RuffArtZ vibrant and bringing new ideas and oodles of enthusiasm.

Season Tickets now available for the 18th RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays

Bookings: Kym 0409 172 595 ruffartztickets@gmail.com

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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

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SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

*“Brummagen” is a genuine
English word that has fallen out of
use. It’s an adjective that
describes something that’s
cheap & showy.*

*When I was growing up we called
cheap & nasty things “brummy”, so
that was probably a shortening of
the word brummagen.*

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

*After each player has moved
three times in a chess match,
there are 121 million possible
routes that the match could
follow.*

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Highlands Community Hall Working Bee Saturday 25th February (weather permitting!)

Because of recent wet weather &
all the growth around the hall
there is a working bee planned
for Saturday 25th February start-
ing at 9am. Come along, bring
your gardening tools, enjoy the
company & together we can get
the grounds spic & span
again. The morning will finish at
12 noon with a simple lunch.

**Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247
or Judy Reid 5796 9358**



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



**W/C Sunday
Feb 19th**

**Highlands/Caveat.....Driver: Les Lawson Radio: Joerg Taubitz
Ruffy.....2nd Lieutenant John O'Connor's Team**

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

RUFFY ACTION GROUP COMMUNITY DINNER & WORKSHOP

Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road, Ruffy

How can the Ruffy Community Action Group and the Shire of Strathbogie assist our community to achieve its aspirations? These are the important questions to be discussed at the workshop and we look forward to broad community participation!

**For information and bookings by Monday, 13th February,
Contact Verena Weinmann 5790 4309**

**Saturday 18th
February
9am—1pm**

EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa

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**Thursday 23rd
February
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 24th
February
From 10am**

REMEDIAL HEALTH MASSAGE

at Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy

Deep tissue massage— Sports massage— Relaxation massage NST – Bowen Therapy
Bookings need to be placed directly with Kristy a week prior to Ruffy sessions.

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

**Saturday 25th
February
11:00am**

HIGHLANDS vs RUFFY ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH at the MCG (Molesworth)

The traditional challenge match is on again. Send us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses....they're guaranteed to get a game! Lunch at the Pub

Contact Scott McKay or David Sleight scottmckay@activ8.net.au or slsl22@bigpond.com



**Sunday 26th
February
9am—1pm**

NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET

on centre median strip High St Nagambie

Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. **Further details Contact nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au**

**Saturday 4th
March
Doors Open
7:30pm**

RUFFARTZ — "A SEASON of SATURDAYS"

Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd., Ruffy

Sonidos Flamenco Tomas Arroquero brings us a flamenco feast: male & female flamenco dancers, singer and guitar accompaniment. BYO drinks and nibbles.

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Contact Kym 0409 172 595 ruffartztickets@gmail.com

**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 & Spaniak 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**

