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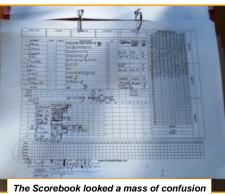
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HUGHES CREEK

### **UPSET at the MCG—RUFFY RING-INS ROLL HIGHLANDS**

Ruffy's novel approach to its youth selection policy (of actually selecting youths) paid huge dividends on Saturday, when they spanked Highlands by at least 70 runs. The actual winning margin is hard to gather as the score book resembles a bit of Trumpesque Fake News. When towards the end Jim the Scorer was heard to say "don't talk to me, I'm getting confused", it didn't engender great confidence in the holiest of cricketing documents. (I don't think I'd buy a used cricket book from him!)

What can be gathered from the scorebook is that Marcus Hill knows a bit about cricket (27 not out & 2/7 off 4 overs) and he wasn't even voted BOG; nor was Harry Sleigh (29 not out, a run-out & 0/5 off 3) nor was Justin (25runs & 1/7 off 4). I think Ruffy's B.O.G was Jack (30 not out & 2/4 off 2 overs) or it might have been someone else,



I'm as confused as Jim the Scorer.

Other notable contributions were registered by Craig Murphy, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his team when he tried to donate his cruciate ligament to the Molesworth pitch, fortunately it turned out to be only a dislocated kneecap and he retired hurt (or was he just needing the loo after a dodgy curry?) at least Don Cook (16) Rob Haub (14) and Sean 'Maggins' McLennan (10) made solid knocks for Ruffy.

From the Highlands side Alan Jarrott (26 not out) and Hamish McAlpin (15) started well before the middle order folded under the Ruffy onslaught. A late and entertaining flurry by Tom McCooey (19) and Greg Philpot (28 runs & 2/19 off 4 and Highlands B.O.G ) brought some respectability (but not much) to the Highlands' final score.

Best fielder for the Highlands had to be the bloke who owned the bus out



Highlands vs Ruffy—A game always played in great spirit

in the caravan park, who kept returning the ball every time someone from Ruffy hit it through his window. At one stage the roof of the bus was discussed as a possible fielding position until it was pointed out we shouldn't tempt Marcus to try and hit over it.

The Molesworth Ground looked a picture and the facilities are terrific.

Thanks especially to the Umpires - Slugga and Poss for their unbiased, informative and entertaining umpiring.

The next game is the weekend away combined team versus the Riverine Club at Beechworth on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Report by Scott McKay



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

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### **READERS' WRITES**

"A very thoughtful letter from Stuart Reid, and I totally agree. The same sentiments apply to both the behaviour of men and women, especially the women footballers.

The Granite News is a refreshing publication, well done, and thank you."

### David Ince — Avenel

"It is appropriate to complain when our roads are below standard. We live on Hewletts Road and I had occasion to write to the council and praise the grading job they did last year. It has kept smooth and has not developed pot holes. Whatever fine gravel they used, it is wonderful. Its a pity they only did half the length though. The Caveat end is still pretty rough. And a pity about the trees which block the road from time to time." John Wise — Terip Terip

### CORRECTION

There was a typographical error in last week's article Strathbogie Tablelands' Roads to Ruin the word 'Counsellors' was used instead of 'Councillors'. This was the Editor's error. If our local roads continue their rapid rate of deterioration then our elected Shire representatives may need to become Counsellors.



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## **Classifieds and Community Notices**

### **BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES**

## Give MaccaBuck\$ for Habitat

Help Bring Back the Macca

Meeting the Bring Back the Macca crowdfunding campaign target of \$15,000 before it ends on 14/3 will be a challenge but it is providing a valuable opportunity to reach a broader



audience and highlight the importance of works to improve habitat for the endangered Macquarie perch.

By making a pledge – no matter how small – you can help us show just how many people support efforts to improve habitat for the Macca and other native fish populations in the Goulburn Broken catchment. If you needed more reason to pledge support to accelerate delivery of Macca habitat works, there is now an opportunity with every \$5 or more pledged, to go into the draw for a fishing pack sponsored by My Fishing Place.

Keep in mind no pledge is processed unless we meet the campaign target.

Pledge MaccaBuck\$ for habitat and help us convey the importance of these works on our Macca streams.

More information here: https://fundsforfish.com.au/projects/goulburn-broken-cma/



**The 2016 Ruffy Artfest** committee are proud to announce that their weekend of an art show and sale as well as four local open gardens on 11th, 12th and 13th November, exceeded expectations on all levels.

The much anticipated event was a community effort with the Ruffy CFA contributing significantly by generously inviting the Artfest committee to expand the viewing area of the art show by using their fire shed

To the owners of the four open gardens we give sincere thanks as we recognise the amount of work and time that goes into preparation . We owe grateful thanks to Cindy Ferguson of 'Rustic Simplicity' in Alexandra who was the curator, and Mister & Lady, from Euroa, who gave up their time to judge the exhibition, also a big thank you to Brooklands Farm Stay for their generous sponsor ship of the Art Show first prize

There were many people in the local committee who volunteered their time and we thank you sincerely. To the many sponsors who advertised in the art catalogue and garden flyer, we are very grateful for your support. We are indebted to the Shire of Strathbogie and the Ruffy Community Action Group for demonstrating their belief in our efforts.

# As a result \$7,000 was donated back to the local community.

It will be distributed to the Ruffy CFA, Ruffy Recreation Reserve, Ruffy Gymkhana and Creighton's Creek CFA.



Friday 31 March – Sunday 2 April

8 am start daily catering available

Enquiries to Diann Schrapel 5792 1089 schrapel1@activ8.net.au



A pair of pregnant ewes.

Dorpers or Australia Whites, in very good condition, they have orange ear tags from a Bendigo breeder

They wandered in from the Weibye Track, Ruffy.

Owner can contact Theo



### **Thank You Helpers!**

Thanks to the small band of dedicated workers who toiled very hard on 25th February to clean up the grounds of the **Highlands Community Hall.** 

We mowed, brush cut,

cleaned toilets, cleared spouting, weeded, mulched, pruned, swept and carted away the results of our efforts. It all looks so much better.

### **Tablelands Rainfall**

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
February	41.2 mm	41.0 mm
2017Total	84.0 mm	109.5 mm
February Rain Days	7	5

		COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — MARCH 2017
CFA	W/C Sunday March 12thHighlands/CaveatDriver: John McMaster Radio: Jack McMaster Ruffy1st Lieutenant Travis Tilton's Team	
	TOMORROW <sup>II</sup> Monday 6th March 8pm	RUFFY MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE Inc.at the Ruffy HallNotice is given of a PUBLIC MEETINGThe purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc. for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 22nd April 2017.All position s will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.For enquiries contact the Secretary, Sharron Batt on 5790 4329
	Friday 10th March 6:30pm	<i>DRINKS ON THE DECK'</i> 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
	Monday 13th March 9am—2pm	<b>SEYMOUR LIONS CLUB LABOUR DAY MARKET</b> 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 dis- play for you to enjoy. Stalls can still be obtained by contacting Brenda 0427 234474
	Saturday 18th March 9am-1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKETRotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org
	Sunday 19th March 7:45am Ruffy Store or 9am Old Kulaba Homestead Gate	<ul> <li>WALK THE HUGHES CREEK — THE BIG ONE</li> <li>All hikers are invited to join Landcare members on a walk through spectacular the Hughes Creek Gorge between Kulaba to Booroola .</li> <li>A rugged 13kms but all down hill and with plenty of good swimming holes along the way. Pass through remote and wild country. Explore rare native fish habitat .</li> <li>Bring lunch, camera, bathers &amp; strong boots.</li> <li>Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268 hughescreek2@gmail.com</li> </ul>
	Sunday 26th March 2017 10:30am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERSmeet at the Highlands HallAndrew Shaw is planning to take us from the corner of Highlands Road & SpaniaksRoad 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
	Thursday 30th March 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