



## CONVERSATIONS

### CLINT COMES FULL CIRCLE & BUNGLE BOORI BENEFITS

Clint Storer 37, grew up on his father's farm at Balnarring and from an early age he knew that he wanted to be a farmer.

Soon after being appointed manager at Bungle Boori in late 2015 he said to his partner Megan *"Have a look around and take it all in, because we'll never get to work in such a beautiful place again"*.

The irony is that Clint has actually come full circle. Back in 1998 as a young fellow he was a farming apprentice for 3 1/2 years with Rob Hayes, just up the Tarcombe-Ruffy road, before deciding to move north to the Yass district to develop his knowledge of broadacre cropping.



Clint Storer with two of his seven dogs

However, it's working with stock that Clint likes best. He acknowledges the training that Rob gave him in how to read and handle stock, particularly sheep, and when Rob gave him his first dog it opened up a whole new world for Clint. He now prides himself on his working dogs and over the years he has trained and sold both sheep dogs and gun dogs. He says that the major challenges in his role as manager are to improve his own skills, especially with cattle and to continue the property's progress with fat lambs.

Before coming to Bungle Boori Clint was the assistant manager at 'Jigsaw Farms' at Hamilton where they ran about 40,000 sheep. It was while in the western district that he met Megan who also has a connection with the industry, being the daughter of the gun shearer 'Daffy' Ryan.

Talking of guns; apart from training and working his dogs Clint is a keen duck hunter (he's at Goroke this weekend for duck opening) and he's a competition shooter with Seymour Field & Game.

Since moving into the district Clint & Megan have demonstrated their commitment to both the environment and the community with their attendance at Landcare meetings and at the recent Strathbogie Shire's "Listening Tour" at Ruffy.

As Bungle Boori straddles the Strathbogie and Mitchell Shires, Clint is well credentialed to compare their delivery of services.

He says *"...whereas I've seen the Mitchell grader 6 times since late 2015, I've never seen the Strathbogie grader in this part of the world and the condition of their roads is testament to that!"*

By Don Cook



**Hughes Creek**  
Catchment Collaborative

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## INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

**A standard Rubik's Cube has 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 different possible configurations**

*Yikes, that's a big number!*



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## Classifieds and Community Notices

### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### EMU BUSHES & UNUSUAL DESERT PLANTS

The Strathbogie Ranges Group of the Australian Plants Society invites you to presentations by husband & wife team, Graham and Maree Goods.

They are renowned as experts on plants and birds from the Wimmera. They are co-authors of a book on *eremophilas*, hardy Australian plants known as emu bushes, and



also co-authored a book with Maree's brother Ian Morgan titled

*Birds and Plants of the Little Desert*.

They live north of Dimboola, where their extensive garden has many examples of hardy species including *eremophilas*, *hakeas*, *acacias*, Australian daisies and *callistemons*.



The two presentations will be separated by lunch (byo). Feel free to attend one or both talks and share some interesting discussions over lunch with folks who love the diversity of Australian nature.

**Where:** Third Age Hall, Kirkland Street, Euroa.

**When:** Saturday 25 March

**Times:** 10.30 am gathering for tea/coffee

10.45am Maree Goods — "*Eremophilas on the Move*"

12.15 pm Lunch - that's BYO lunch

1.00 pm Graham Goods — "*A Desert Experience*"

**Cost:** FREE Tea/Coffee provided

**Enquiries:** **Pete Kelly 0402 882 959**

**Val Kneebone 0419 328 731**

#### "High Five" for Whiteheads Creek Art Show

Whiteheads Creek Fire Brigade is holding an Easter Art Exhibition, showing the works of local artists from CFA District 12.



Grand Opening — **Thursday 13th April at 7pm** in the Brigade Hall, Mayor of Mitchell, Rhonda Sanderson presiding. There'll be Wines & Finger Food for Opening Night Guests —All Welcome

**The Exhibition will be open daily through Easter —10am until 4pm . Closing Monday 17th at noon.**

All proceeds from these gorgeous works will go to the Whiteheads Creek Brigade whose members work so hard to keep us all safe.

9 kms south of Seymour along the Kobyboyn Road will get you there.

This is the fifth exhibition in the series Art for CFA.

**Entry is a gold coin donation.**

### READERS' WRITES

#### Post Truth or Post Values?

"We are told we now live in a "post truth" era, highlighted by the election of President Trump.

The phrase, as I understand it, refers to the way discussion takes place in the media and other forums when opinion takes priority over facts and truth.

You could write a book about the number of times Trump expressed opinions in complete distortion of the facts. It operates in our own media and political debates as well.

Beware when someone prefaces his or her comments with;

'the fact of the matter is...' or

'the truth of the matter is...'.

What makes it more reprehensible is that often the opinion is a deliberate distortion of the facts and therefore the truth. It is particularly evident when politicians denigrate the opposite party's policy simply because they are the opposition regardless of the merits of the policy.

What worries me most about this cavalier treatment of the truth is that many of us don't seem to really care; we seem content to just let it pass by, we don't challenge it, leaving us to sit with our own ignorance and prejudices. We do tend to like our opinions being confirmed rather than listen to opposing views.

There is however an underlying issue which is even more disturbing. In the midst of this post-fact, post-truth world does it mean that we have also entered a world of "post-values". Again it was and continues to be highlighted by Trump and a number of world and Australian leaders. What are the values behind our treatment of asylum seekers? Where are our values in regard to climate change? What are Trump's values? Is pragmatism really a value? Or is it just a convenience? What do you think?"

**Stuart Reid—Highlands**

# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — MARCH/APRIL 2017



**W/C Sunday  
March 26th**

Highlands/Caveat.....Driver: Jim McCooey Radio: John Waterhouse  
Ruffy.....3rd Lieutenant Peter Saglietti's Team

**TODAY !!**

**Sunday 19th  
March  
10am—1pm**

**CFA FIREFIGHTERS FUN DAY** at Yarck Recreation Reserve  
Activities & Games for All Ages Please bring a Salad or Dessert to Share  
**For more info Contact Marty Shaw 0439 656913**



**Monday 20th  
March  
11:00am**

**HIGHLANDS SPINNERS** 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat  
Bring anything that you may be busy working on – knitting, embroidery,  
spinning, etc..... All Welcome **Contact Jan 5790 4361**

**Sunday 26th  
March  
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](http://nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au)**

**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**



**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

**Saturday 1st  
April  
9am-2pm**

**YEA COUNTRY MARKET** Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea  
Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best  
in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate  
park. **Gold coin donation entry**

**Friday 7th  
April  
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**



**Thursday 13th  
April until  
Monday 17th  
10am-4pm daily**

**WHITEHEADS CREEK EASTER ART SHOW** at Whiteheads Creek Hall  
This is the 5th in the series of Art for CFA—Featuring works from Artists  
in CFA District 12. All Welcome & monies raised go to  
Whiteheads Creek Rural Fire Brigade

**Good Friday  
14th April  
Midday**

**RUFFY CFA - GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH** at the Ruffy Fire Shed  
The annual community seafood lunch is on again. **EVERYBODY is WELCOME**  
This is a terrific chance for the community to come together to support the  
Royal Children's Hospital appeal and to catch up with local friends.  
**Volunteer Tin Rattlers are encouraged to Contact Felicity 0413 483450**



**ANZAC DAY  
Tuesday 25th  
April  
11:30am**

**TERIP TERIP ANZAC DAY SERVICE & LUNCHEON** Terip Terip Rec Reserve  
ANZAC Commemoration Service followed by BBQ Lunch: BYO Salad or Dessert to  
share. Bring 6 of your best ANZAC Biscuits for the Bake-Off Competition. All Welcome  
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