



WHITEHEADS CREEK

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CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### NO, THIS IS NOT CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

There was a lot of head shaking going on, accompanied by gasps of appreciation at the crystal clear water, the sandy beaches and the towering ironstone cliffs.

Twenty five hikers from Highlands, Gobur, Creightons Creek, Caveat, Tarcombe, Whiteheads Creek, Euroa and Ruffy were led by David Freeman on a 6 hour walk, scramble, slide, and slosh down our very own Hughes Creek last Sunday.



*Eileen Freeman inspects what appear to be Aboriginal grinding grooves*

We've previously reported on these Hughes Creek rambles and the awesomeness of the granite gorges in the Hughes' upper reaches, but one has to see to believe the change in the geology just a few kilometres downstream.

When he wasn't eyeing off ideal fly-fishing spots Greg Pritchard was muttering "who'd believe we're only 1 1/2 hours from Melbourne, we could be in Central Australia."

There was tangible evidence of our ancient history, with 400 million year old traces of a Chondrite

worm and a set of aboriginal grinding grooves in a convenient ironstone outcrop. Indigenous wildlife made its presence felt with a not so friendly wombat, a wallaby that appeared to have Melissa Eddy in its sights and plenty of Orb Weaver Spiders to avoid.

It was a tiring trek on a hot day but the regular stops to cool off in the pristine creek kept everyone going. Thanks Janet, David, and Melissa McDowall for organising the day. *By Don Cook*



*The intrepid 25 take a break to absorb the scale of an ironstone rock face*



**Hughes Creek**  
Catchment Collaborative

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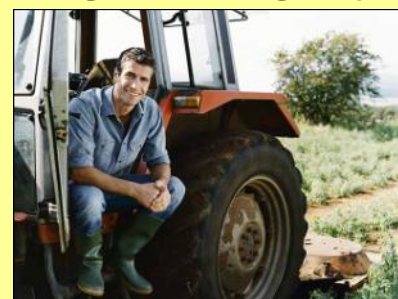
We are currently building a Database of weeds in the district. If you know of a road-side or property that has significant issues with Blackberries, Patersons Curse or any other weed of concern please contact Melinda Bronca.

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[hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com)

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### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### **"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.**

#### **Electrofishing demonstration at Wicket Hill**

Arthur Rylah Institute staff com-  
menced fish surveys on the  
Hughes Creek this week and will  
be completing the work over a  
few days late this month.

Joanne Kearns and a colleague  
have offered to be available to  
demonstrate how this survey  
work is undertaken on their last  
field day, Friday 31st March  
weather permitting.

Join us at 10.30am at Wicket Hill  
(old campground site) to learn  
more from Joanne about the  
Hughes Creek monitoring work  
she has been involved in for the  
past 10+ years.

Please come prepared for the  
weather conditions. Sturdy  
boots and hat recommended.

**Contact Christine Glassford**

**5797 4412**



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**W/C Sunday  
March 26th**

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

TODAY !!

**Sunday 26th  
March  
9am-1pm**

**NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET** on centre median strip High St Nagambie  
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TODAY !!

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

**HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS** meet at the Highlands Hall  
Louise Currie 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.  
'Drinks on the Deck' is early this month due to Easter **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. Entry by Gold Coin

**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.  
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**ANZAC DAY  
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