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YOUNG FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

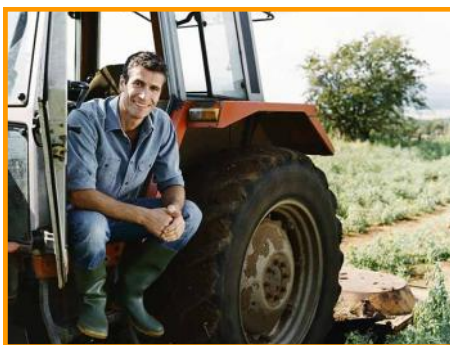
HCCC Landcare has identified the opportunity to coordinate and sponsor a Future Farming Group for our District and we expect to be making an announcement later in 2017. In the meantime, the Victorian Government has established a scholarship program tailored to the professional needs of young farmers.



The Upskill and Invest – Young Farmers Scholarship Program provides young farmers and those who work directly on farm with up to \$5,000 towards training or study (Upskill), backed by further funds of up to \$5,000 to invest on-farm or in professional development (Invest), putting new skills into practice.

The Upskill funds can be used to meet the cost of study at a university, a registered training organisation, or another quality training provider approved through the application process.

Completion of study or training unlocks the Invest funds to invest in activities that support application of learnings from the chosen study or training. This may include professional development, farm planning or other on-farm activities.



The Program also provides ongoing opportunities for long term networking and support through the Young Farmers Scholarship Alumni. One round of scholarships will operate per year.

The application period opens mid-year for approximately 8 weeks.

The Program is managed by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Applicants must

- * Be 35 years or under at the time of the application close date
- * Be working in a farm business in Victoria at least three days per week for the past three months
- * Have at least two years of total experience on-farm
- * Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently residing in Victoria.

For more information on the Young Farmers Scholarship program or to apply go to vic.gov.au/youngfarmers



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FOX on the RUN

The 2017 competition is officially closed, but if you still have Fox Feet to hand in Please Contact

Mel at HCCC Landcare

0417 126975



LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

We are currently building a Database of weeds in the district. If you know of a roadside 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
All information will remain anonymous



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

Ruffy Community Forum and Dinner

Friday 4 August from 6.30 at the Ruffy Hall

An opportunity to discuss the way ahead for the Ruffy Community over a meal and drinks!

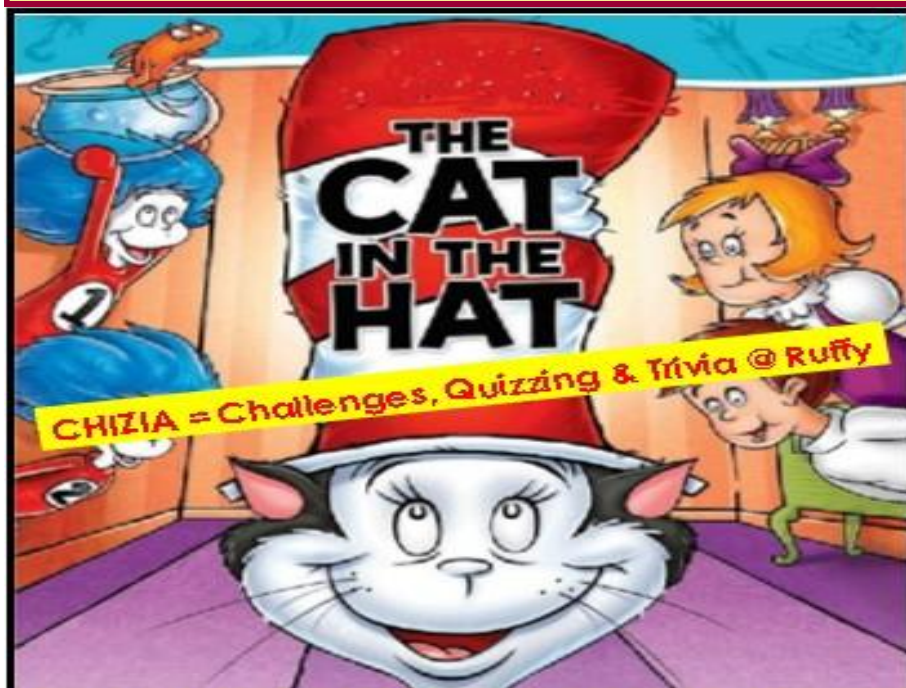
What is this Forum about? This Forum will be facilitated by **Jim Davidson** and it offers a unique opportunity to take an active part in planning for the future of the great area we live in or visit regularly. Through group discussions in a friendly atmosphere we will work towards establishing a vision for Ruffy's future and explore ways to get there. Inputs received at the Forum will provide the basis for a new **'Ruffy Community Plan'** that expresses the aspirations of our community. This Plan will then guide the actions of the new **Ruffy Community Planning Reference Group** to be formed later this year.

Who is invited to the Forum? Everybody in the wider Ruffy community is invited to participate in this Forum and provide inputs to the new community planning process. We want to make sure that the new Community Plan will represent the interests of the whole community, young and old, farmers and 'life-stylers'!

Free Dinner provided, BYO Drinks and Glasses

To assist with catering, please **book by Tuesday 1st August**.

Contact Verena 5790 4309 or alpli@yahoo.com.au



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By the Ruffy Hall Committee

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* If I agreed with you, we'd
both be wrong

* A clear conscience is the sign
of a bad memory

* I used to be indecisive, now
I'm not so sure

* They begin the evening news
with "Good Evening", then
proceed to tell you why it isn't

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — JUNE/JULY 2017

Sunday 23rd

July

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

TODAY !!

Sunday 30th

July

10:30am

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

meet at Highlands Hall

Weather permitting, the next Highlands Ramblers Walk will be from Fassifern Road to Chisholm Road following Jacks Creek (or as the older folk say Fassifern Creek) and then on to Spaniaks Road. Bring water and a carry lunch. Those coming from the east may choose to meet our convoy at Fassifern Road at 10.45am.

Contact Judy Reid 5796 9358



Friday 4th

August

Time TBA

RUFFY COMMUNITY FORUM DINNER

at the Ruffy Hall

Here's an opportunity for you to come together over dinner with other local people to contribute your ideas and suggestions about Ruffy's future. More details will be available later in July.

Saturday 12th

August

7:15 for 7:30pm

CHIZIA (Colossal Challenges, Quirky Quizzing, Terrific Trivia)

at Ruffy Hall

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Saturday 19th

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Thursday 27th

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5:30pm

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BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks

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Friday 11th

August

7:30pm

HCCC LANDCARE



**Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative**

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

The Boathole Reserve Project

Thanks to funding from the Shire of Strathbogie, provided through the Ruffy Community Action Group, and the generous support from R G Sheds in Ruffy, the Boathole Reserve has received a very welcome addition:

a picnic table with benches.

Gary Hewlett's apprentice Jack built the table using George Noye's plans and Gary and Jack then installed it at this picturesque location. Everybody is welcome to use this community facility and to look after it.



By Erwin Weinmann