



WHITEHEADS CREEK

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CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### FIRE SEASON MAY COME EARLY in 2017-18

The Southern Australia Seasonal Bushfire Outlook 2017 shows the southern fire season is likely to commence earlier and be more active than usual due to a warmer dry winter and it forecasts a hot summer. CFA Chief Officer Steve Warrington said "The outlook suggests that we could be looking at the commencement of a fire season as early as October and we're preparing our people across the organisation so come October we will be ready to go."

When The Granite News spoke to CFA Rural Fire Brigade captains from Highlands, Terip and Ruffy they agreed that residents and landholders should already have their fire planning well under way.

**Terip Terip CFA Captain Geoff Penny** said that the local season could still improve with a couple of good rains, because there's plenty of ground water and it's still possible to get bogged. Geoff also highlighted the Murrindindi Shire's burn-off restrictions that forbid large burn-offs after October 15th without a permit. Landholders must familiarise themselves with local Shire restrictions and of course register all burn-offs with CFA on 1800 668511

**Highlands CFA Captain Les Lawson** emphasised the need for landholders to ensure that they have their own fire-fighting unit, either static or mobile, for their own personal & property protection because on a severe fire danger day there are never enough fire-trucks and response times cannot be guaranteed. Les Lawson also recommends that all residents maintain a fixed telephone landline that does not rely on 240v power. In the event of an emergency the first service to suffer is the electricity supply and as we all know, mobile phone coverage in this area is patchy.

**Ruffy CFA Captain George Noye** reminded community members to formalise their 'Leave Early or Stay & Defend' strategy for days of Extreme or Code Red Fire Danger.

- \* Your plans should include pets & livestock
- \* Ensure rapid access to your critical documents
- \* Park your motor vehicle fully fuelled and facing your exit
- \* All household members should leave in the one vehicle

Les, Geoff and George all invited their community members to contact their local brigade for advice or to visit the CFA website

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)

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BUSHFIRE OUTLOOK 2017



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### LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

#### HCCC - Landcare IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

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**Sunday 11am-1pm**  
**24th September, 1st October,**  
**8th October**

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Who to contact.

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Landcare related.

### APOLOGY

The 3rd September  
Granite News article on the  
Highlands Ramblers informed  
readers that Louise Currie had  
led the Ramble to Stony Creek  
bottom falls. Our apologies to  
Andrew Shaw.

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guided the Rambling party.



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Sunday October 15th 9am — 1pm

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Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle  
with 2pm Official Opening of  
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**5790 4298**



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## Ruffy Community Meeting

**Tablelands Community Centre**  
**Wednesday 20 Sept 7.30 pm**

The purpose of this meeting is to form the  
**Ruffy Community Planning Reference Group,**  
the successor to the Ruffy Community Action Group. On the basis of  
the inputs received at last month's Ruffy Community Forum, this Group  
will prepare the Ruffy Community Plan 2017-2021 and implement it over  
coming years, in conjunction with the other community groups in Ruffy  
and with funding and support from the Shire of Strathbogie.

It would be desirable for the Reference Group to be made up of a  
representative from each of the existing community groups in Ruffy  
plus a small number of representatives of the general community.

*Please contact Erwin Weinmann before the meeting  
to discuss nominations for the Reference Group,  
or bring your nominations to the meeting.*

**Erwin 5790 4309 or 0400 850 816** [ozrondo1@gmail.com](mailto:ozrondo1@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — SEPT/OCTOBER 2017

**Wednesday 20th September 7:30pm** **RUFFY COMMUNITY MEETING** at Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy  
This public meeting is a follow-up from the recent Ruffy Community Forum and its purpose is the formation of the new Ruffy Community Planning Reference Group.  
**For further information Contact Erwin Weinmann 5790 4309**

**Saturday 23rd September** **YEA GARDEN EXPO** at the Yea Racecourse  
Everything from rare trees, plants & bulbs through garden tools, ornaments & equipment to compost & soil. **Food, Drinks and Good Coffee will be available.**



**Sunday 24th September 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 24th September 10:30am** **HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS** meet at Highlands Hall  
Andrew Shaw will take us on a Switzerland Range Ramble which will be a lot easier than last month's walk!!!!!! We hope there will be no snow or hail this time, just a beautiful spring day. Bring a carry lunch & water.  
**For more information Contact Judy Reid 5796 9358**



**Sunday 24th September 1pm—3pm** **HCCC LANDCARE BEE—KEEPING W'SHOP** at Tablelands Community Centre  
There will be 3 Workshop Sessions Session 1 - Is Bee Keeping for me ?  
David Arnold from Murrnong Permaculture Farm at Violet Town will be covering topics for those considering starting bee keeping.  
Cost \$20 per session **To book a place please contact Janet Hagen [hughescreek2@gmail.com](mailto:hughescreek2@gmail.com) 57904268 or message 0458904268**



**Monday 25th September 8:15 am** **STRATHBOGIE GRANITE SYMPOSIUM** Community Centre, Benalla Showgrounds  
Local residents are encouraged to attend this special and un-repeatable event. Participation assumes an enquiring mind, but no prior knowledge of geology. Only \$25 per person. **Further enquiries Contact [benalla2017@geosymposia.com.au](mailto:benalla2017@geosymposia.com.au)**

**Thursday 28th September 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 13th October 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 to cover power.  
**Contact Judy 5796 9247**



**Friday 27th October 6:30pm** **CENTENARY CELEBRATION for the CHARGE at BEERSHEBA**  
The Light Horse Memorial Park Committee are hosting an event to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Charge at Beersheba 31st October 1917.

Guest speaker will be Honor Auchinleck, member of a distinguished literary family. A distinguished writer herself, and grand daughter of Sir Harry Chauvell GCMG KCB, and her husband Colonel Mark Auchinleck (Retired).  
If you have an interest in Light Horse history and are interested in attending  
**Please contact 0427969259 and we will arrange an invitation**

