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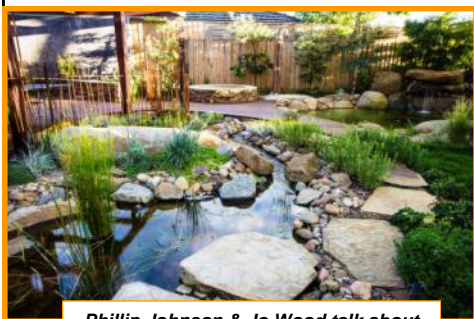
HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

SENSATIONAL SPRING and the GARDENS ARE GLOWING

As I look out my office window I see the golden glow of the Ovens Wattles in full bloom as a backdrop to the brand new buds on the golden elm and the plane trees in the house garden.....at last, spring is here and boy, don't we deserve it after that bitterly cold winter!

And springtime in the Strathbogies just wouldn't be springtime without the inspirational open garden events and arboreal education opportunities. The Euroa Arboretum is sponsoring a series of 'Gardens for Wildlife' programs.



Phillip Johnson & Jo Wood talk about introducing wildlife into your Garden

The 'Backyard Ponds & Frogs' night at the Euroa Flour Mill next Friday Oct 6th will educate and inspire you into thinking about how to use water in your garden to encourage birds, insects & frogs.

Later in October the Alexandra & District Open Gardens weekend will feature seven wonderful gardens with five of them being new entrants. Jenny & Peter Fisher's expansive garden in Yarck has been a work in progress over the past 5 years to adapt it to their personal tastes and lifestyle. Their theme is around creating a garden of different 'rooms'.

Autumn colour is delivered by Crepe Myrtles & Maples while Salvias are a favourite for their long flowering colour and toughness. Bird life has returned with the addition of these as well as Callistemon and Grevilleas.

Edible features include a vegetable patch, chicken coop and a completely enclosed orchard housing plum, apricot & apple trees.

Visitors should look out for James Ryan's handmade tools and Judy Hand's plants, for sale at this venue over the weekend.



Alexandra & District
Open Garden Weekend
28th & 29th October



Jenny & Peter Fisher's Yarck garden features Garden Rooms



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

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How to control them
- * Build your own European
Wasp trap
- * Biodiversity Plans—
What are they?
Do you need one?
- * Rabbit Ripping—
Who to contact.

What subsidies are available?

Drop in and ask us anything
Landcare related.



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**Subsidies are now
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Hughes Creek Catchment
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Please email Me!

hughes.creek1@gmail.com

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READERS' WRITES

What is Education For?

During the recent education debate over Gonski, the CEO of the Catholic Education office in NSW said on TV, that the aim of school education is to 'get people into heaven'.

As someone who regards 'heaven' as purely a metaphor, I was rather taken back. Having been an educator in another life, I started to think again about the aim of education.

I suspect there are many views on this.

Listening to some educators, politicians and business people today, you get the feeling that the main aim is to prepare people for employment. Others would stress the importance of imparting good values and maybe religious ones at that.

When I look back to my own education, I suspect the authorities saw education as forming good, obedient & conforming citizens.

Yet others with perhaps an I.T. hat on, may say that real education needs to prepare people to be problem solvers.

Recently it was suggested that at least one of the aims of education was to be able to live with and work in a world with Artificial Intelligence.

One for which I have strong sympathy is called 'critical education'. This entails encouraging people to be sceptical of the status quo, by critically analysing society with a view to changing it into a more just and creative one.

Recently I read an article entitled 'The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge' a reprint from the 1930's. It was written by Abraham Flexner an educator, best known for setting up the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University (an associate of Einstein).

In the article, he says "the aim of education is to create a civilization worth saving."

I suspect that is a tall order, but a worthy one.

What do you think?

Stuart Reid — Highlands

CLASSIFIEDS and COMMUNITY NOTICES

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR

Applications are open for the paid position of Editor, The Granite News. This is a unique opportunity to engage with the Tablelands communities & beyond, by delivering a weekly insight to the local environment, the people and the happenings within the district.

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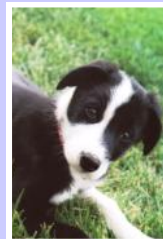
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Highlands Community Hall

**Saturday 14th October
9am-Noon (with Lunch)**

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Bring along appropriate tools
and later join the hall committee
for a simple lunch.

For more information contact

Judy Cameron

5796 9247

or Judy Reid

5796 9358



COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2017

Friday 6th

GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

at The Euroa Flour Mill

Backyard Ponds and Frogs with Phillip Johnson and Jo Wood

We invite you to join us to launch our new local garden program to encourage wildlife into your garden. The night includes a two-course meal and speakers who will educate and inspire you into thinking about how to use water in your garden to encourage birds, insects and frogs. \$40/Person **Contact Carolina 0401 514253 or www.euroaarboretum.com.au/events**

October

6pm—9pm

Monday 9th

HIGHLANDS SPINNERS

450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat

Bring anything that you may be busy working on. Same cheerful company and good coffee & tea All Welcome

Contact Jan 5790 4361



Monday 9th

RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE AGM

at the Ruffy Fire Shed

Annual General Meeting that all members should attend.

Aspiring new Members and other interested community members are also invited.

For further information Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268

October

7:30pm

Wednesday 11th

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

at the Ruffy Community Hall

This will be the first meeting of the RCAG under the newly elected committee following the very well supported meeting on Wed September 20th. All community members are invited and welcome. **Contact RCAG President Rob Jamieson 0401 993681**

October

7:45pm

Friday 13th

DRINKS ON THE DECK

at Highlands Community Hall

Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new.

Our new Mayor Charlotte (Charlie) Bisset and her family will be joining us to meet members of our community and share in a meal.

All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.

Contact Judy 5796 9247

October

6:30pm

Sunday 15th

RUFFY ANNUAL CAR-BOOT SALE

at Ruffy Recreation Reserve

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October

9am — 1pm

Friday 27th

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



Sunday 29th

NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie

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October

9am — 1pm

