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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**Well bless my soul; there's a Boat on the Boathole**

Tom Noye would've been delighted to see the Ruffy Boathole living up to it's name. Down the years there would have been other punts but it was Tom's boat that was most regularly seen on the local Hughes Creek pondage.



*The champagne was on hand but not much was spilled on the boat*

As a neighbour of the iconic Boathole I've seen cormorants, ducks, swamp hens and platypus but I hadn't seen a boat on that water until last Sunday when Gerry and Louise Ginnivan launched their bright red 'Stitch & Glue Joey Sailing Dinghy'.

Ex-Ruffy resident Rob Gardner, now of Avenel, mentored a group of 4 blokes in the building of boats for their grandkids.



*She's rigged and ready to sail, Skipper*

For the past 18 months Gerry, Jeff Moran, Jim Peart and Frank Dawson have been getting together weekly under Rob's stewardship to create these cute little craft. They are ideal for beginners and can be configured for sail or rowing and they'll even take a small outboard motor. Doubtless the grandkids will get many years of fun as a result of their grandads' labours, and by all reports the 'Boatbuilders' have also had many days of fun, learning & conviviality along the way. *By Don Cook*

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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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**LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD****HCCC - Landcare IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

Drop in and see us at the Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy.

**Sunday 11am-1pm  
8th October**

- \* Learn to identify weeds and How to control them
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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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**Tablelands Rainfall**

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
September	21.5 mm	34.5 mm
2017Total	514.9 mm	572 mm
September Rain Days	13	11



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MARGARET ZAAL GRAPHITE

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Join us at the picturesque Euroa Arboretum for this botanical art workshop. From beginner to intermediate levels – join us in this outdoors/undercover space to get inspired by nature. The day will begin with a discussion of anatomy, techniques of layering and blending pencil to achieve an exciting and realistic drawing

Reference images and high-quality paper will be supplied, you will need to supply pencils.

**November 5 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Euroa Arboretum \$45**

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Email [events@euroaarboretum](mailto:events@euroaarboretum) or Contact Carolena 0401 514253

## STORYWEAVING

### From My Life to the Page Everyone has a story!

This workshop will provide inspiration, encouragement and practical suggestions to help you bring your life to the page.

Janine Johnston will conduct our workshop and has been involved with our Life Writing Program since 2010.

Encouraging people to share their stories is close to her heart. Janine has conducted life writing workshops, completed a diploma of Professional Writing & Editing and her poetry has been published in many anthologies.

**Saturday 25th November 2017 10.00am to 4.00pm**  
**Tablelands Community Centre Nolans Road, Ruffy**  
**Morning tea provided, BYO lunch or purchase from the Ruffy Store**

**\$48 per Person Contact Carolyn Cuming 03 9819 5758**

[carolyn.cuming@accesshc.org.au](mailto:carolyn.cuming@accesshc.org.au)



## READERS' WRITES

"The State Government has recently released a discussion paper for new planning rules relating to intensive production of animals. The proposals are a major relaxation of the current regulations, which some may find appealing. However, they would permit operations such as the Yarck feedlot and others already proven to cause problems of stench, dust, pest animals and pollution for neighbours, communities and the environment. Separation distances from other farms and waterways have been reduced.

The DEDJTR website

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/planning-for-sustainable-animal-industries>

has links to the proposals and details of community consultation sessions. I encourage anyone who has concerns for their neighbourhood and the environment to review the proposals, attend the meetings and make a submission.

I am happy to provide further background and details of particular concerns."

**John Walsh — Yarck 0408 013 237**

## TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

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## WORKING BEE

### Highlands Community Hall

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

We have many jobs to do to make the grounds tidy again. 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

TOMORROW!



**Monday 9th  
October  
11:00am**

## **HIGHLANDS SPINNERS**

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

450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat

Contact Jan 5790 4361

**Monday 9th  
October  
7:30pm**

## **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

**Wednesday 11th  
October**

## **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

**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.

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

**Sunday 15th  
October  
9am—1pm**

## **RUFFY ANNUAL CAR-BOOT SALE**

at Ruffy Recreation Reserve

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**Wednesday 18th  
October**

## **READING ON THE COUCH**

at The Highlands Hall

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**Saturday 21st  
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**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

