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WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP CAVEAT

bees in an easy

position to reach

we will alert the bee-

keeping network.

If practical, someone

wanting to populate

their hives will come

and collect them.

HIGHLANDS

RUFFY

HUGHES CREEK

BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

THE TABLELANDS ABUZZ WITH BUDDING BEEKEEPERS

Accomplished Apiarist David Arnold has held a series of Beekeeping Workshops at the Tablelands Community Centre over the past two weekends. David has had an enthusiastic group of aspiring apiarists buzzing with excitement and our Beekeepers are

now keen to put their new skills into practise. Thanks to the excellent lessons presented by David and shared experiences and advice contributed by other local Beekeepers, we now feel confident enough to get started on this fascinating hobby. Bees swarm in Spring (right now) as the hives split off with new gueens. Bees are easy to catch while they are swarming, although the buzzing swarms look scary, the bees are concentrating on protecting their queen and are docile at this time.



Apiarist David Arnold explains the basics of Beekeeping

Swarms hanging on low branches or in small trees are easiest to drop into a box for transport to a new home.

> Please contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268

hughescreek2@gmail.com

Report by Janet Hagen





Gentle bee swarm for beginner Beekeeper Please contact Debbie. 5796 9363 Highlands



INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

Because of the earth's rotation, it's claimed that an object can be thrown further if it is thrown west.



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare

Contact editor@tgn.org.au To subscribe online go to www.highlands.org.au

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR

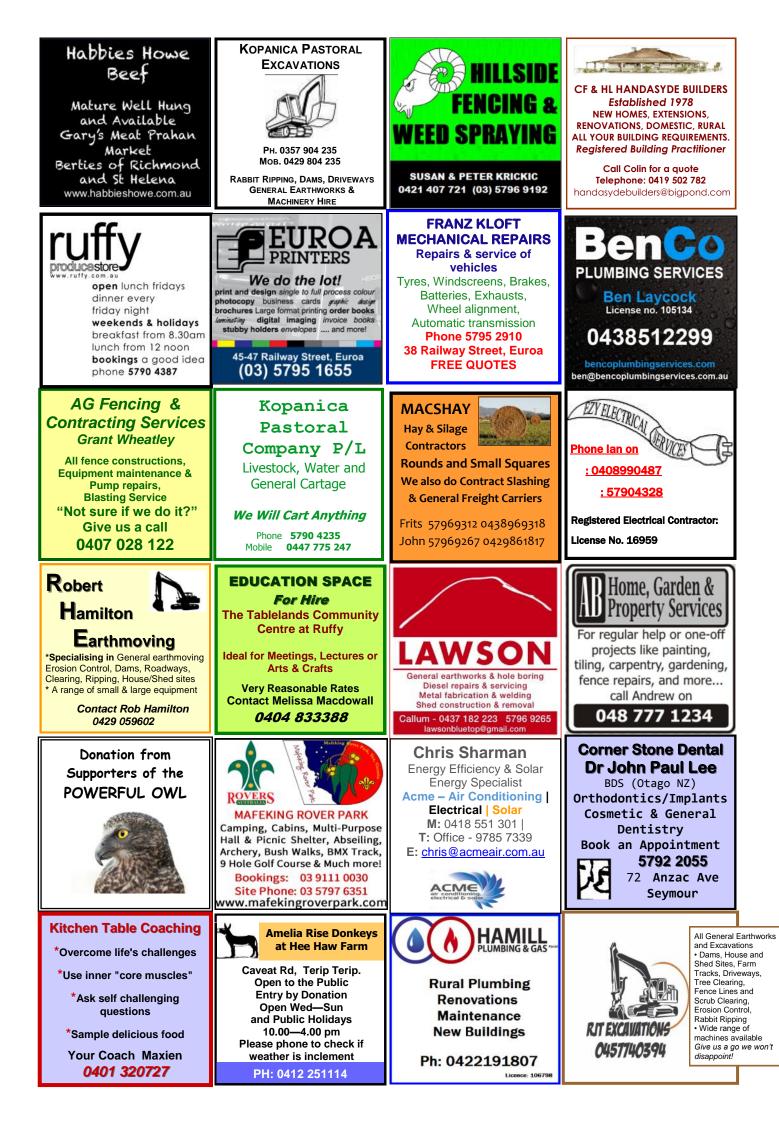
Applications are open for the paid position of Editor, The Granite News. This is a unique opportunity to engage with the Tablelands communities by delivering a weekly insight to the local environment, the people and the happenings within the district. The position will be available from Jan 2018 with full training provided. For further information **Contact Scott McKay** President--HCCC Landcare

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Subsidies are now available through Hughes Creek Catchment **Collaborative Landcare group** for Rabbit Ripping. (Conditions Apply) Please email Mel hughes.creek1@gmail.com or call 0417126975



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READERS' WRITES

What is education for? Response to Stuart Reid from Neil van Buuren — Highlands

"I do agree with all you said but I like to add my thoughts and experience.

Having my education split between two countries Sri Lanka (Ceylon) where I spent my early years attending a school based on the English boarding grammar school tradition.

In Australia I attended a State High School. My immediate impression of my Australian school was the lack of respect, not just to the school but also for the teachers and system.

The school meant nothing to most students who were just marking time until they could legally leave. Learning had no place in their lives there was no thirst for knowledge, and academic excellence was looked down upon. I remember clearly that the "smart students" were almost ostracised and they kept to them-

selves. Even today the term "nerd' is used to put down those students who excel academically.

Even when it came to school sport there was no admiration for those who made First 11 or First 18, school colours were unheard of. I clearly remember in Sri Lanka the "smart students" were respected by all and the school sport "stars" were the heroes, especially cricket, inter school cricket was fiercely contested, with reporting in the national newspapers. This is not to suggest that the grammar school system was without fault.

School in Victoria was a sausage factory, teachers just followed a curriculum set by a bureaucracy with plenty of political arm twisting. There was no room for deviation, individual differences were totally ignored,

one size fitted all. Most of what I learnt was irrelevant, even the maths and science was taught in way that made little or no reference to the importance of this knowledge in our lives.

I had to re-learn all the maths and science again at university.

I think the lack of respect for teaching undervalues education. Governments both state and federal are continually cutting budgets with no great protest by society, just the teachers. Teacher salaries are low,

when you consider that nearly all teachers must do at least 4 years of tertiary education.

Society doesn't have a great deal of respect for education; teachers and academics are looked upon as bludgers who are too "smart" and get lots of holidays.

Because of this there is growing public opinion here and in the U.S. that universities are a waste of money & time.

I still believe that the most important aspect of school is the social skills we learn and ability to learn and think. Critical thinking and the ability to analyse information should be vital teaching, followed by respect for knowledge and people."

Einstein put it well "Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think"

CLASSIFIEDS and COMMUNITY NOTICES

TERIP TERIP MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday November 7th From 12 noon

Chicken & champagne lunch Live screening of the races Sweepstakes and Fashions on the Field

Please bring a salad or sweet to share \$15.00 per adult or \$40.00 per family RSVP by 28th October please

Kerri Thomas 5790 4191 or Hayley Rowan 0408 577 393 SPRING TABLE TENNIS @ RUFFY



Friday Nights Starting October 20th for 5 weeks at the Ruffy Hall

6:30pm-9pm

Tables, Paddles & Balls supplied—or BYO

All Ages Welcome \$5 Adults \$2 Kids

Register with Barb 0429 410039 or Hayley 0408 577393

	COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017	
TODA	Sunday 15th October 9am—1pm	RUFFY ANNUAL CAR-BOOT SALE at Ruffy Recreation Reserve COME & SELL — COME & BUY ONLY \$10 per Site Stacks & Stacks of Bargains. Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle with 2pm Official Opening of the New Recreation Reserve Kitchen All Enquiries to Marj Leigh 5790 4298
ODA	Sunday 15th October 4:00pm	SALON CONCERTS AT BROADFORDA small private venue for the enjoyment of fine music near Broadford.Jane Downer plays baroque oboe with Peter Hagen on harpsichord with favourite composers Vivaldi, Telemann, Handel and Bach. Also a launch of their CD released by Chandos in the UK.Tickets \$39 or \$49 with food; bookings essential Book at www.trybooking.com/OXSIemail peter@peterhagen.com.auor 5784 3884
	Wednesday 18th October 6.30pm - 8.00pm	READING ON THE COUCH at The Highlands HallCome and join in on a very informative evening provided by the Murrindindi LibraryService. We will be previewing books, overseas titles, DVD's, ebooks, etc.while enjoying nibbles & drinks which will be a great introduction to the new servicewhich will be available at Highlands in the New Year.Everyone Welcome Bookings are essentialContact 5772 0351
	Saturday 21st October	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"
	9am — 1pm	A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.
	Sunday 22nd October 12noon until 2:30pm	BAHA'I FAITH BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Anzac Avenue Seymour The Baha'i community of Mitchell Shire invites you to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the founder, Baha'u'llah. There will be a lunch, presentation, performance and Q&A session. Please RSVP for Catering by Contacting Maxien 0401 320727 (sms please)
	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 <i>Please Contact 0427969259 and we will arrange an invitation</i>
	Sunday 29th October 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 <u>nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au</u>
	Sunday 29th October 10:00am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERSmeet at Highlands HallAndrew Shaw will take the group to Kate's Hill, an easy walk with great views of the Goulburn River. Bring lunch & water.Contact Louise Currie 9437 1504
	Sunday 5th November 10am—4pm	GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE at Euroa Arboretum Botanical Illustration with Margaret Zaal and Kate Jenvey. For more information go to www.euroaarboretum.com.au/events Email events@euroaarboretum_or Contact Carolena 0401 514253 Euroa Arboretum