

WHITEHEADS CREEK

TERIP TERIP

CAVEAT

RUFFY

HIGHLANDS

HUGHES CREEK

PEOPLE AND PLACES**WHO WAS THAT BLOKE NAMED BILLY?**

Marj Leigh dropped in a few weeks ago with some fliers for the Ruffy Car Boot Sale. While she was here she kindly agreed to show me the way up to "Good Morning Billy", the large hill between our properties and a majestic local landmark. Our guests often ask where they can walk in the area and how to get closer to some of those incredible boulders. Marj and I set off in the car and as we got out near to the top she suddenly asked me if I was claustrophobic, to which I replied "well I don't think so" somewhat intrigued to where this was leading...

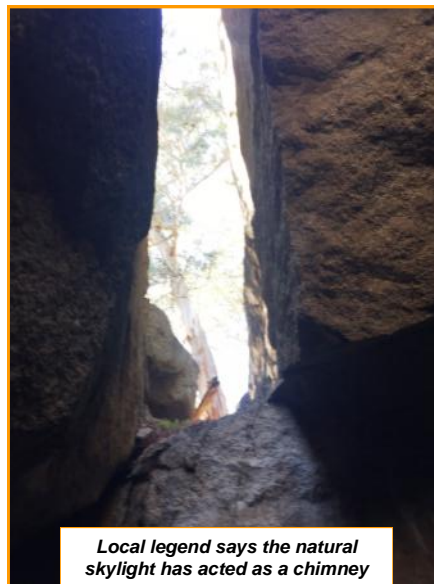
"I'll show you The Cave" she said.

So there I was following Marj into the darkness; a woman who has lived here for most of her life and with whom I had only recently become acquainted. It brought forth a feeling of adventure that I had not had for many years. I followed her blindly into the inky (and possibly snaky) darkness, squeezing between huge granite boulders that had formed tens of thousands of years ago to create a magnificent cave

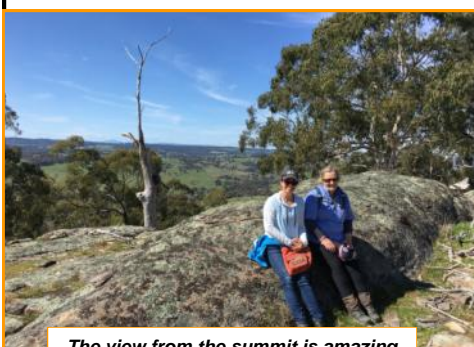


Marj leads the way into Billy's cave

that opened out to create a natural skylight. I was altogether surprised, delighted and grateful that Marj had been willing to show me this treasure. As is evident by the graffiti, this has been part of the adventure playground of the children of Ruffy and district for generations. It seemed like our own "Hanging Rock". Being a relative newcomer to the area I was intrigued by the whole walk and the experience of clambering through the cave with a local 'elder' of the area. The following week I climbed to the summit with two friends and we located the Pinniger Cairn and some amazing old pine trees just below the summit. I'd love to know more of the history of this prominent natural feature. I've seen maps that list it as 'Good Morning Hill' and I've heard a couple of variations of the story about how 'Billy' got involved in its name. I'm wondering if there is an officially documented history of the naming of 'Good Morning Hill'



Local legend says the natural skylight has acted as a chimney



The view from the summit is amazing

By Felicity Sloman



Hughes Creek
Catchment
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Granite News Recess

We're taking a two week break and the Granite News won't be published on 29th October & 5th November.

We'll be back in your inbox
Sunday November 12th.

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.

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For further information
Contact Scott McKay
President-HCCC Landcare

hobbieshowe1957@gmail.com

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Tuesday November 7th From 12 noon

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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**



2 art workshops
at the Euroa Arboretum
Botanical Illustration with Margaret Zaal
Wildlife Drawing with Kate Jenvey
Bookings www.euroaarboretum.com.au/events

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

www.euroaarboretum.com.au/events

Email events@euroaarboretum or Contact Carolena 0401 514253

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**Friday Nights
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6:30pm—9pm

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

**Sunday 22nd
October
10am — 2pm**

TODAY !!

NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET Tahbilk Winery 10 Cottage Lane, Nagambie

Produce that will be available at the market include beef, lamb, pork, chicken, honey, vegetables, fruit, mushrooms, bread, wine, beer, cider, olive oil, cakes, biscuits, sauces, spreads, plants, herbs and much more.

For further details contact Cynthia Lim 0403 831 520 nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au

**Thursday 26th
October
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 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



**Sunday 29th
October
10:30am**

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

meet at Highlands Hall

Andrew 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**



**Saturday 4th
10am—5pm**

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ART EXHIBITION & SALE at Strathbogies Hall

Work by bespoke artisans will be on display as will live handcrafting and musicians. Photography will also be a major feature.

Catering available at The Strathbogies Store and Under the Sun Restaurant.

Local and regional artists will be showcased.

Enquiries, Bookings & Info Contact Toni Down 57908543 marraweeney@bigpond.com

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November
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GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

at Euroa Arboretum

Botanical Illustration with Margaret Zaal and Kate Jenvey.

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**Friday 10th
November
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



**Saturday 11th
& Sunday 12th
November
10am—5pm**

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8:00pm
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December**

RUFFY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

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