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FARMING & ENVIRONMENT**FARMERS RECOGNISE MANKIND'S EFFECT ON CLIMATE103 YEARS AGO**

Here's an extract from 'The Geelong Times' dated Saturday, July 25, 1914

Climates Changed.**HOW SOME COUNTRIES HAVE ALTERED THEIR WEATHER**

One of the difficulties in the path of new countries is that very often the climate is not just the sort needed for successful agriculture. But science is altering all that. Climates are being changed every year, gradually but surely. The most common difficulty is usually too small a rainfall. Many countries have such severe droughts that if the tiny annual rainfall were just an inch or two less the soil would be impossible to cultivate, and the whole country would become a desert.

TREES AND RAIN.

It is in cases like these that the climate-maker steps in. Where lack of rain is the trouble he is usually the Government's botanical or forestry expert. His solution is to plant trees. For, strange as it may seem, trees increase the rainfall. The leaves of trees are always cooler than the surrounding atmosphere, and so help to bring down what moisture there is in the air, much as a cold mountain top brings down rain. Then, too, the roots help to keep the moisture in the soil when the rain has actually fallen, instead of letting it be sucked up again by the hot sun.

The planting of trees — afforestation it is called — is done by the climate-maker for other purposes. Trees make a climate milder and shelter exposed regions. Spain has for centuries torn up its great forests til it is now bare, with the result that its climate has become very extreme, Spain being nowadays very hot in the summer and very cold in the winter.

Drainage is another weapon of the man who makes climates.

The draining of marshy ground not only adds great tracts to the agricultural wealth of the country, but raises the temperature of what is otherwise a moist and unhealthy region.

Since the Fens were drained and reclaimed, the average annual temperature has gone up by 4 degrees. The bogs that cover so large a part of Ireland are quite healthful, owing to the amount of tannic acid they contain. But if Ireland's bogs were scientifically drained, that country would, according to an Australian climate-adjuster, have summers five degrees hotter than she does now.

Article supplied by Jan Hayes's brother Jeff



The 'Mucky Mire' - pristine undrained Irish bog lands



Modern-day peat harvesting in Ireland.
Photo courtesy of Killofin Home Genuine Irish Peat



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LOCAL GOINGS ON

On The Couch

A very enjoyable evening was had by the few that attended the first 'On The Couch' session hosted by the

Murrindindi Mobile Library Service on 18th October.

They provided nibbles and wine for us to enjoy while we listened to very enthusiastic members of the Murrindindi Library Service, Libby, Sally & Piers. They talked about new books, DVD's, eBooks & magazines and managed to inspire us into borrowing some of their selection. We were able to join up on the spot and now have online access to the multitude of books and reading material.

The mobile library service will be available in Highlands early in 2018. I hope that the community will take advantage of this wonderful service which is planned for twice a month, with the 'On The Couch' session repeated hopefully in March.

The starting date will be advised in the near future.

By Judy Cameron



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Darren Gilbert @ Sedona Estate

A NEW SELECTION of ARTWORKS & SCULPTURES

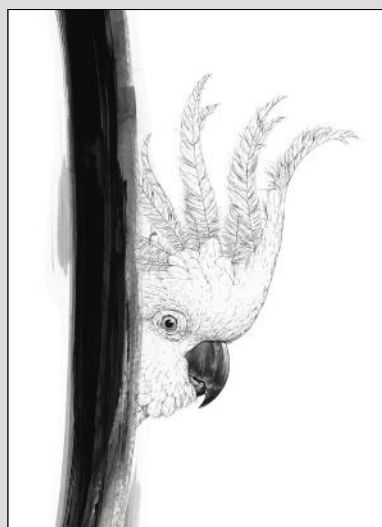
Exhibition Opening

Saturday 25 November 2017 1.30 - 4.00pm

There has certainly been no 'taking it easy' in front of the wood fire for local artist Darren Gilbert over winter. Battling the elements from his studio at Highlands, Darren has spent the past months covered in rust & dirt by day - designing and forging his sculptural creations, then dusting himself off to work at his drawing board with fine ink pens and pristine illustration board by night.

The comparison between the two mediums is a stark and exciting contrast - the common passion that inherently links the works reveals a talented artist, designer and engineer who is constantly inspired by the Australian landscape, native flora & fauna. Mind you, when the view from your studio is as good as Darren's, who wouldn't be moved by the grandeur of the landscape!

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RuffArtZ

Annual General Meeting

Ruffy Community Hall

Tuesday 28 November 7pm

Everyone welcome & new committee members encouraged
Supper provided

Contact Roger 0437 771 580

INTERESTING BUT USELESS FACT

Celery has a negative calorific value.

It takes more calories to digest a piece of celery than the celery has in it.

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

**Monday 20th
November
11:00am**

TOMORROW!

HIGHLANDS SPINNERS

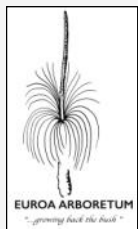
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450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat

Contact Jan 5790 4361



**Friday 24th
November
10:45am**



THE TREE STOREY PROJECT LAUNCH at Euroa Arboretum 76 Main Rd Euroa

The Tree Storey citizen science project is part of the Bogies and Beyond Project.
We are looking at recording the location and measuring the health of the big old trees the Strathbogie Ranges Community loves so much.

To find out more and how you can be part of this terrific project, please join us for the launch of the Tree Storey app and field guide.

This event is free however RSVPs to reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au are required by 22nd November for catering purposes. BBQ lunch

**Saturday 25th
November
10am — 4pm**

STORYWEAVING WRITERS WORKSHOP Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

This workshop will provide inspiration, encouragement and practical suggestions to help you bring your life to the page. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch or purchase from the Ruffy Store. \$48 per Person

Contact Carolyn Cuming 9819 5758

**Saturday 25th
November
1:30—4pm**

DARREN GILBERT EXHIBITION

at Sedona Estate Shannons Rd Murrindindi

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**Sunday 26th
November
10am — 2pm**

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

**Tuesday 28th
November
7:00pm**

RUFFARTZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Ruffy Hall

Everyone welcome, new committee members encouraged. Supper provided.

Contact Roger 0437 771 580

RuffArtZ

**Thursday 30th
November
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

**Saturday 2nd
December
6:30pm**

RUFFY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY at Tablelands Community Centre

Free BBQ Sponsored by CFA & Tablelands Community Centre — Santa at 7:30pm

Bring Salads/Desserts to share.

Kids gifts to Melissa before 7pm



**Friday 8th
December
6:30pm**

HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP Highlands Hall

Come along and join in the End Of Year Get Together with the Highlands / Caveat community. BBQ starts 6.30pm with meat provided, BYO drink, glass, chair and a salad to share. ALL community members welcome.

For further information contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247

**Saturday 9th
December
3:00pm**

HIGH TEA with LORRAINE LEA

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High Tea and complimentary champagne will be offered in conjunction with a Lorraine Lea linen consultant. More details in next Granite News.

RSVP by December 4th please.

Contact Kerrie 0488 240408 (Call or Text)

