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PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOCAL BOY RECEIVES HIGH ACADEMIC HONOUR

John Craven was born in Euroa and grew up in Terip Terip. After attending Terip State School and Euroa Higher Elementary School he left to work in Melbourne and he went to night school

to become eligible to study veterinary science. Following graduation, John was employed in a research and diagnostic laboratory and after further study in Canada, he was appointed Director of Attwood Veterinary Research Laboratory in the Department of Agriculture and subsequently to other senior positions in the Department. After a career in research and management in a number of organisations John returned to the family farm in Terip in the mid-1990s and enjoyed farming with Lu and their extended family until the farm was sold in 2011.

The Craven family was recently excited to learn that the University of Melbourne had decided to acknowledge John's research and other achievements by awarding him the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (honoris causa). This is a great accolade because honorary degrees are the highest honour that the University can bestow on an individual.



Terip Terip's John Craven was accompanied by wife Lu at the Melbourne University ceremony

The citation read at the conferring ceremony on Tuesday December 5th highlighted John's research into improving understanding of the causes of enteritis in young animals, food safety, and effective management of effluent from intensive farm operations. Subsequent work in the dairy industry initiated research and development programs aimed at improving the industry's profitably. Another important achievement was re-working the process of accrediting Veterinary Schools in Australia

& NZ and developing closer links to organizations responsible for accreditation in the UK, Europe and North America.

After "retirement" John was appointed to a number of Boards primarily in the area of food safety and environmental management which meshed nicely into the pleasure he gained from farming in Terip Terip.

By Lu Craven



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare

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LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

HCCC Landcare is pleased to announce that Pauline Roberts from Highlands has been appointed Granite News Editor from January 2018. Pauline is a long time resident of our district and her experience in Education, and in our community is sure to make this a successful appointment. There'll be a more detailed biography on Pauline in next week's Granite News

HCCC Landcare is now on Facebook Keep up with all of our activities

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HCCC SPRAY UNITS

 Tarcombe
 Rob Hayes
 5790 4319

 Caveat
 Michael Kopanica
 5790 4235

 Highlands
 Scott McKay
 5796 9259

 Ruffy
 Don Cook
 5790 4007

\$33 per Spray Day/\$100 per Season Payment on Invoice from HCCC Landcare

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

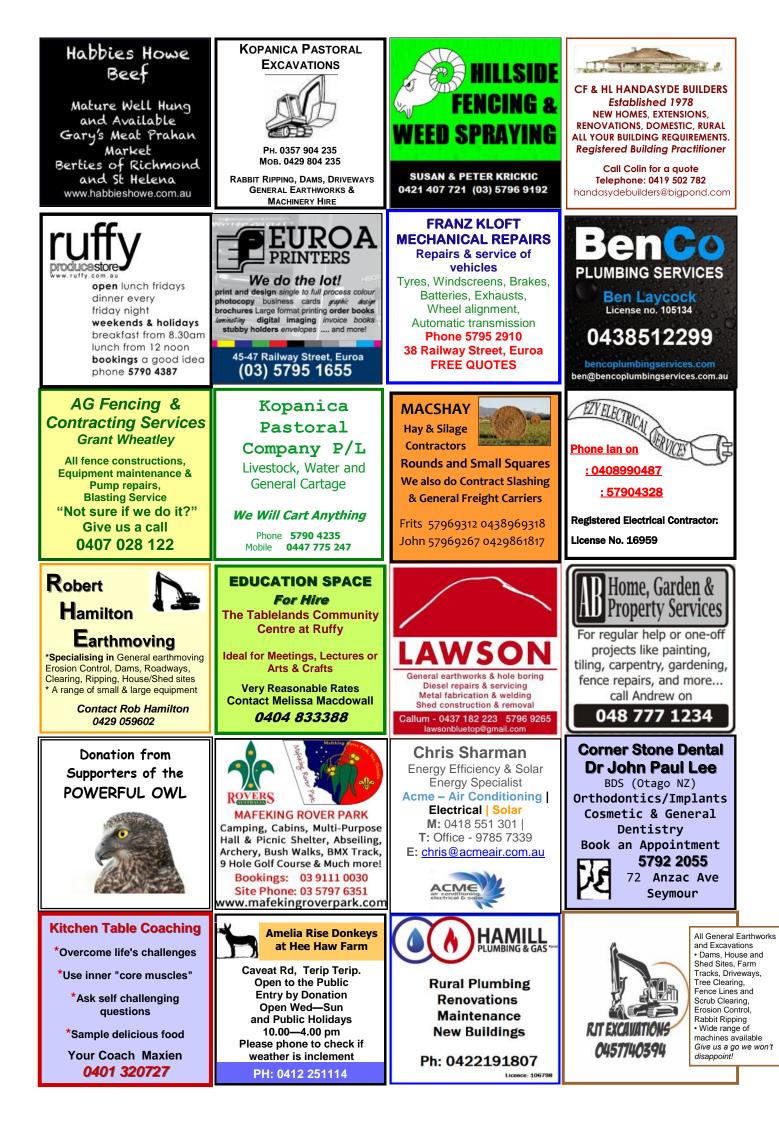
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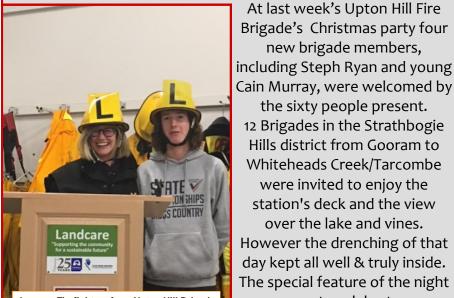
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

LOCAL BRIGADES VISIT UPTON HILL to RECOGNISE LONG SERVICE and WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Learner Firefighters from Upton Hill Brigade Steph Ryan and Cain Murray

the brigade over 25 years and for Brigade Captain Tim Batten to award him life membership.

By Sandy Mackenzie

At last week's Upton Hill Fire Brigade's Christmas party four

new brigade members,

the sixty people present. 12 Brigades in the Strathbogie Hills district from Gooram to Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe were invited to enjoy the station's deck and the view

over the lake and vines.

However the drenching of that day kept all well & truly inside.

The special feature of the night

was to celebrate

John McGregor's leadership of

RUFFY RESILIENCE RESISTS RECORD RAINFALL

The Ruffy Tablelands Community Christmas Party at the Tablelands Community Centre has been a joint venture with the Ruffy CFA since 2013.

Each year the magnificent California redwood in the playground is decorated and formally switched on, the Fire Truck arrives with lights & sirens carrying Santa, the Mums & Dads gather under trees in the balmy weather to share the Barbeque, and Christmas Carols are sung in the fading light.

You'd reckon that this signature outdoor event couldn't possibly go



Santa gives Ruffy CFA Captain George Nove his Christmas gifta box of matches!

ahead in the face of the heaviest 48hrs of rainfall in local history. Well of course you'd be wrong, because this is the Tablelands community, and they've never let a minor issue like the weather stand in the way of a community get together, especially when it's all about the kids.

The function was transferred to the Ruffy Hall, the fire was lit, the BBQ, Salads & Desserts were a knock-out, Santa arrived on the Fire Truck, Christmas Carols were sung, the kids had a terrific time and the eighty five irrepressible Tablelands folk all stayed dry.

By Don Cook

TRADING PLACES

Good stuff for private sale or wanted by friendly locals

FREE to GOOD HOME





Needs a bit of a cleanup but in perfect structural order. 830mm high. Call Miranda 0408 969261

FREE to GOOD HOME

4 burner Turbo BBQ

in OK condition (no gas bottle) Call Jono 0408 969399

Highlands / Caveat CFA



We're trying to compile an updated listing of the Highlands/Caveat community.

If you would like to keep informed of any meetings, events, notices, etc. could you please provide your email address & phone number (landline and/or mobile) to highlandscfa@gmail.com or contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247 for further information.

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	COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — DECEMBER 2017 & JAN 2018	
	Monday 11th December 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. CaveatWe're having a Christmas Break Up day. We'll probably spin a few yarns and celebrate our year's achievements.Bring a Plate to share.Good company assured.All WelcomeContact Jan 5790 4361
	Tuesday 12th December 4:30pm	A PORTRAIT of DENNIS SPITERIYea Library Council ChambersThe feature length documentary film details the life and work of local artist Dennis Spiteri.Everyone is Welcome but Booking is recommended 57360036
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	Tuesday 19th December 7:30pm	For further details please Contact Les Lawson 0448 269261 or 5796 9265
	Tuesday 19th December 5:00pm	STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGat the Ruffy HallThe Strathbogie Shire will be conducting their formal monthly meeting from 4pm.The Community is invited to share food & drinks from 5pm followed by an open meeting session.Everybody is Welcome to attend.
	Wednesday 20th December Twilight 4pm—8pm	NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKETTahbilk Winery 10 Cottage Lane, NagambieProduce 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
	Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve 5:30pm	CAROLS at CAVEAT at the Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd Come and celebrate Christmas with the community by singing along or just humming harmoniously. Everybody Welcome. Family, Friends & Children encouraged. Contact Susan Bennett 5790 4333
	Friday 12th January 6:30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECKat Highlands Community HallBring 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 13th January 10:00am	TERIP SOCIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT at the Terip Recreation Reserve The annual tournament is on again and all are Welcome Contact Cindy 0429 772 011 or Frances 0427 904 262 for further details
		HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS A big thank you to Andrew Shaw & Louise Currie for leading our Ramblers Walks this year, and thanks to everyone for coming along and making the walks so enjoyable. We are having a break during the hot weather and will resume our walks again in the new year. Sunday 25th March is the date of our first Ramblers Walk for 2018.