



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Longwood - Mansfield Rd Signs

Have you notice any of these signs in your area?

These signs mark roadsides with populations of the Euroa Guinea Flower and have been erected as part of the National Recovery Plan for this species.

The Euroa Guinea-flower (*Hibbertia humifusa* subspecies *erigens*) is listed as Vulnerable under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and is listed as threatened under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. The taxon is endemic to north-eastern Victoria, where about 16 populations containing several thousand plants occur. Many populations occur along roadsides and on private land, and are at great risk. Major threats include weed invasion, grazing and lack of regeneration, road-widening and altered fire regimes. This national Recovery Plan for the Euroa Guinea-flower details the species' distribution and biology, conservation status, threats, and recovery objectives and actions necessary to ensure its long-term survival. By Janet Hagen



### HIARTS EXHIBITION 2012

A reminder that the next HiArts Exhibition will be on the weekend of 2nd to 4th March. Artists intending to exhibit are reminded that application forms are now available. Applications need to be in to the Registrar by 6th February. 5796 9358

### GOULBURN RIVER VALLEY TOURISM

Free Calendar of Events. Remember to add your event to our online event calendar. It's easy and it's FREE! Over 3,500 people visit the Goulburn River Valley Tourism website each month. Your event can benefit from this great exposure simply by submitting your event details online at: [www.goulburnrivervalley.com.au/events](http://www.goulburnrivervalley.com.au/events)

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Will** : For working really hard and making great progress in all areas. Well done!

#### End of year concert:

What a fantastic show! Thank you to all students for their participation. A huge thank you to Susan Bennett for her time and expertise. Thank you to families who have supported students by providing costumes, helping with learning lines and being part of the audience on the night. There may be some students who are keen to run off and join the circus now!



#### Final Fun Day:

Thank you to all parents and families who attended this fun event. Without your support with transporting and supervision the day would not be possible. Everyone seemed to have a terrific time and it was a fitting celebration of the school year.



## WELCOME TO ISSUE 38

Please send any news to me at [mirandayorston@bigpond.com](mailto:mirandayorston@bigpond.com) or ring 57969261.

**A huge thank you to the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative for their financial backing that makes this newsletter possible and for funding received from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority for their financial support.**

**I strongly recommend that if you live in the Highlands/Caveat area that you send me your email address or subscribe at [highlands.org.au](http://highlands.org.au) so that you don't miss out on TGN next year.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CATCHING UP AGAIN NEXT YEAR.**

**Fire restrictions are NOW in force.**

## ROGAINING INFORMATION

Rogaining in the Highlands – Avenel area, Strathbogie Range – New Year update

The Victorian Rogaining Association is planning its Granite's Edge State Rogaining Championships for the Highlands – Avenel area of the Strathbogie Ranges in Spring 2012. The process of meeting landholders is well progressed, and we are grateful for the generosity of so many residents of the district. It is expected that visits will continue over the summer in advance of the serious course setting during 2012.

The date set for the event is the weekend of 22-23 September 2012. The typical format is participants arriving and planning their course on Saturday morning, the event runs from noon Saturday to noon Sunday, and then results and clean-up occur Sunday and into the following week. The actual setting of the course will begin in the middle of 2012, and there will be further advice in this Newsletter before then.

Wishing everyone a happy Christmas and every success for 2012.

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## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012

Week beg 25th Dec	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK</b> Glenn Watson Jarrod Coysh
Week beg 25th Dec	<b>RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER</b> Captain Travis Tilton (Ph) 57 904 335 (Mob) 0429886 380 (UHF Ch) 15 John O'Connor, Craig Martin, Jake Hill, Don Cook, Ryan Furlanetto, Chris Hewlett, Kate Furlanetto, Sally Kubeil, Matt Ulstrup, Simone Ulstrup, Rhyan Weatherald, James Weatherald
Week beg <b>26th Dec</b>	<b>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster</b> Ken & Robyn Richards The Listers
Dec 3 to Jan 29	<b>GALLERY 34</b> invites you to a solo exhibition by ANTON COSTANTINO Silhouettes of the High Country 34 High Street, Yea Thursday to Saturday 9-4 Sundays & Public Holidays 10-4 Olivia Lawson Ph 03 5797 3222 <a href="mailto:info@gallery34.com.au">info@gallery34.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.gallery34.com.au">www.gallery34.com.au</a> Closed Dec 20 to 30
Tuesday 20th Dec ember	<b>HIGHLANDS CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE</b> Training: at the Highlands Fire Shed 7pm, queries Les Lawson 57 969 265 Peter Roberts 57 969 301
Saturday night 24th December	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> At Christmas eve service will be held in the Caveat Church at 5pm. All welcome. It will include the Christmas story and carols. I would welcome a musician who could accompany the carol singing. Contact Stuart 5796 9358
Saturday 7th January	This is the next <b>Yea Country Market</b> and the first for the new year . It occurs every 1st Saturday of each month – 9am to 2pm at Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea. The January Yea Country Market would be of great interest to holiday-makers and visitors to the region and provides an opportunity for them to sample and enjoy regional produce and community spirit.
Sunday 8th January	<b>Terip Terip Annual Tennis Tournament</b> starting at 10.00am. Section 1 and 2 and juniors. - Approx 4 sets alternating partners. For further details contact Cindy Hayes 5790 4226 or Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262 ALL WELCOME
Friday 13th January 2012	<b>'Drinks on the Deck'</b> at Highlands Community Hall from 6.30pm. 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.
14th & 15th January	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "Midnight in Paris" (4 stars) PG The latest Woody Allen movie to grace the screen. This has received rave reviews and should be popular with Woody Allen devotees but even those who are not normally drawn into his theatrical travels will enjoy his latest triumph.
Thursday 19th January	<b>UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A) - ENROLMENT DAY</b> - from* 10am to 1pm Venue: GOTAFE Come along, bring a friend – new classes will be offered as well as many of our current ones. Enjoy tea and coffee and a friendly talk while deciding your choice of courses. Contact: Pat Coffey on 5799 1119 or email: <a href="mailto:seymu3a@vicnet.net.au">seymu3a@vicnet.net.au</a>
21st & 22nd January	"I Don't Know How She Does It" 3 stars 91 mins Comedy Sarah Jessica Parker, Greg Kinnear, Pierce Brosnan, Olivia Munn and Christina Hendricks star in I Don't Know How She Does It, a comedy from director Douglas McGrath. Based on the critically acclaimed bestseller by Allison Pearson, "I Don't Know How She Does It" follows a Boston-based working mother trying desperately to juggle marriage, children, and a high-stress job. The book was an enjoyable read and I have heard good reports about the movie from a number of people – some of the reviews have not been all that good ... but then who is the expert, those that enjoyed it - or a rather jaded reviewer.
Thursday 27th January	<b>Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative</b> meeting 7.30pm Terip Terip tennis Courts, all welcome
27, 28 and 29 January	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> Due to huge number of requests we have decided to bring "RED DOG" back for the weekend following Australia Day - It has been some time since a movie has captured the hearts and minds of so many people. There will be a Friday matinee at 2pm and the usual Saturday and Sunday screenings. Pass this on to those who don't have email as so many people missed seeing it, or want to see it again...
Sunday 29th January	<b>RUFFY HALL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT OPENING</b> 3pm. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in our wonderful new extension, with entertainment of bush poetry and fantastic country yarns. Everyone welcome.
13 February, 20 February, 27 February, 5 March 2012 (Mondays)	<b>INTEGRATED BEEF HEALTH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP</b> TIME: 9.00 am – 3.30 pm (each day) WHERE: Yea Council Chambers, the Semi-circle, Yea (near Yea Library) During the workshop participants develop skills to enable them to understand and overcome threats associated with poor disease management issues. They also learn how to address issues associated with poor nutrition, as well as develop and apply risk management strategies to offset these animal health issues. The four-day program offered by Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) will be run by Dr Rod Manning from Mike Stevens & Associates (and facilitated by DPI Beef Extension Officer, Alison Desmond). email ( <a href="mailto:juncball@bigpond.com">juncball@bigpond.com</a> ) or ring on 57 972 563.
Early 2012	<b>RUFFY GRAZING GROUP</b> The next EverGraze session will be run early in 2012 on Feed Budgeting. Anyone who did not attend the first session and is interested in participating should contact Susan Sleight on 57904301 or email <a href="mailto:susan.sleight@dpi.vic.gov">susan.sleight@dpi.vic.gov</a> .
28 to 30 March	<b>SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEP DOG TRIALS</b> - from 8am to 6pm Venue: King's Park, Tallarook Street, Sey-

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## BABY SITTER AVAILABLE

18 years of age, Just finished year twelve . Available over Christmas and summer period, available to travel. Contact Libby Head on 0458377407 or 03 57922120

## ROTARY CHRISTMAS TREES ON SALE

From start of December Cost: \$40 includes delivery and removal in January within Seymour area. Orders taken through: Cartridge World; Seymour Podiatry Clinic; Flavour Gourmet Foods; Halls Jewellers; Seymour Auto Pro; Goulburn Valley Medical Centre; and Seymour Nursery. Funds raised will go to Rotary supported projects.

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Penalty – Mal Peet

An interesting book this, set in 21st century soccer mad Brazil in the slums of San Juan it manages to combine the mystery of an abducted soccer player, a brief look at the African slave trade to South America and the rituals of the occult –voodoo. So many different elements and yet Peet ties them together brilliantly with his short, sharp sentences and effortless transition from one time and place to another. The second in a series, one hopes there will be more titles to come, featuring sports journalist Paul Faustino. By Pauline Roberts

## BIODIVERSITY FUNDING

Landowners are encouraged to apply for biodiversity funding for:  
Biodiverse plantings: to help land managers expand native habitat on their property through planting mixed vegetation species appropriate to their region. This will help build landscape resilience and connectivity.

Protecting and enhancing existing native vegetation: to support land managers to protect, manage and enhance high conservation value native vegetation on their land for its carbon storage and biodiversity benefits.

Managing threats to biodiversity: to support land managers to control the threat of invasive pests and weeds. Applications are now open and will close 5pm Tuesday 31 January 2012

For more information about the Biodiversity Fund or to access the program guidelines, visit [www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture](http://www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture) or call 1800 008 678.

## BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

### Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*

I was driving through Terip one morning a few weeks ago when I saw an unusual bird by the side of the road. Its mottled plumage first made me think quail, but it was a bit too large and as it scurried into the long grass I realised the shape was that of a crane or rail. I was surprised, as these birds usually live in reeds by ponds or streams and have a reputation for being shy and secretive. However I checked a few books and they confirm the buff banded rail will come out into the open to feed from grubs and insects in mud or grassland, ducking back into the undergrowth when disturbed.

By Louise Currie



## CHEMICAL SUBSIDIES

The perfect time for spraying blackberries has arrived! For information on chemical subsidies available from Landcare, contact Simone Ulstrup on 03 5790 4146 or email [hughes.creek@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek@gmail.com)

Spraying units are also available for hire \$33 per day. Please call for booking information.

## HCCC SPRAY UNITS

The Ruffy spray unit (1,000 Lt) is now at Don Cook's place. It has to be returned after every use, not passed on to the next person so that it can be maintained properly. Other spray units are at Habbies Howe— Scott McKay (900 Lt), Tarcombe— Rob Hayes (450 Lt) Michael Kopanica (600Lt)

## 2012 PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

10.30am – 11.30am  
Children up to 6 years  
Euroa Library  
First & Third Wednesday of the month  
Nagambie Library  
Fourth Tuesday of the month  
Violet Town Library  
Fourth Thursday of the month

Sessions are not held during school holidays or on public holidays.  
For more information call 1300 374 765

## JOB VACANCY

Children's Services Development Officer position at Murrindindi council is to be advertised this week -12 months contract, three days per week . See [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) (in the next couple of days) or local papers for the position description.  
Louise Flowers, Murrindindi Shire Council, Phone 03 5772 0356

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE ACT

"Some of you may be aware that the Victorian Government is proposing to change the rules on when and where the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act applies in timber harvesting areas. This is the Act that is meant to give legal protection to Victoria's threatened species.

The proposed variation will allow the Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) to override a Flora and Fauna Guarantee Action Statement for any given forest coupe/s. In other words, it empowers the Secretary to clear threatened species habitat that would otherwise have been protected.

Please read about the proposed changes at : <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forests/publications/code-of-practice> or download the pdf here: [http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/127354/Code-of-Practice-Timber-factsheet-FINAL-26-Oct-2011.pdf](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/127354/Code-of-Practice-Timber-factsheet-FINAL-26-Oct-2011.pdf)

I'd encourage you all to read a report on the proposed changes written by the Victorian Environmental Defenders Office: [http://www.edovic.org.au/sites/default/files/files/edo\\_vic\\_forestry\\_code\\_changes\\_briefing.pdf](http://www.edovic.org.au/sites/default/files/files/edo_vic_forestry_code_changes_briefing.pdf) And please send in comments."

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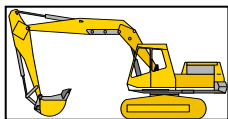
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