



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail

Project Overview

The Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail (GRHCRT) will be a shared pathway for cyclist, walkers and horses. The GRHCRT is to follow the disused rail line for 134km from Tallarook through Yea to Mansfield with a link between Cathkin and Alexandra. Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shire Councils have received \$13m funding from the Federal Government and \$1m funding from the State Government to complete the trail.

Update Extract

The trail will reach practical completion by 31 March, possibly with a few loose ends. Works on the final bridge refurbishments are continuing around the Cathkin and Yarck areas with signage and road crossings being finalised in other areas. In the open sections, as with all gravel pathways, it does take some time for the surface to compact and we are keeping a close eye on areas that are likely to wash or rut so they can be attended to.

There are two areas where riders share side roads with cars, Old Goulburn Valley Highway Kerrisdale and Meylands Lane Kanumbra. This situation came about when the Goulburn Valley Highway was realigned over the train line and Meylands Lane was created using the original rail formation to create a public road. If it feels like you are riding on a road you probably are, road rules apply. Bridges 33 & 34 between Molesworth & Cathkin

Dogs on the trail

Dogs are welcome on the trail but must be on a lead at all times. Some dogs love to chase bike riders and lots of horses like to kick dogs. So everyone enjoys the rail trail ,keep your dog on a lead and please carry a bag to collect their droppings.

website. <http://www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/High-Country/Travel-information/>

LANDSCAPING FOR BUSHFIRES

Landscaping for Bushfire:
Garden Design and Plant Selection
<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/bushfire/prepare-your-property/prepare-garden.htm>

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Angus: For working really hard to improve his reading and writing.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Kathleen Gray to HPS. Kathleen is an Education Support staff member and will work each day from 9.30-1pm in the senior room. Kathleen comes with 11 years experience in this role and we are excited to have her join the team at Highlands.

Horse Riding Lessons

Yea Riding School is offering horse riding lessons for children and adults of all ages on quiet horses and ponies. After school hours and weekend pony club. Bring your own horse or use one of ours. Phone Sarah on 0400289504.

Baby Congratulations

: A huge congratulations to the Martin family on the arrival of their daughter and sister Jade Amelia. We are all looking forward to meeting her.

LISTENING TO TEENS

Sometimes sending a text or email is easier than having a face-to-face conversation – particularly if it's a tricky or delicate subject. It takes a lot of courage to speak openly about an issue.

It also takes a lot of courage to listen to what another has to say. If you want to brush up on your conversation skills with teenagers, we found this blog post interesting and encourage you to share it: <http://www.dailygood.org/view.php?sid=187>

DailyGood: How to Support Teens in Listening, by Ricky Knue
www.dailygood.org

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WELCOME TO ISSUE 5

Please send any news to me at mirandayorston@bigpond.com or ring 57969261.

Redfin Perch *Perca fluviatilis.*

Redfin caught in Euroa Arboretum Dam
19th Feb 2012




The Redfin Perch is native to the cool - temperate waters of the Northern Hemisphere. It was introduced to Victoria in 1858. The species is now widely distributed throughout the temperate portion of the Murray Darling Basin but is absent from the colder headwaters. They are found in the lower & middle reaches of the Hughes Creek, Creighton Creek and Sevens Creek.

Redfin mainly occur in slow-flowing or still water habitats, such as lakes , billabongs and swamps, especially where freshwater plants are abundant. This species is occasionally moved illegally by anglers and once established , can increase rapidly in numbers. A characteristic of the species is the propensity to 'stunt' under conditions of poor food supply or overcrowding, when individuals can mature at a very small size (120mm long).

The Redfin is a voracious carnivore which is known to prey heavily on newly stock trout and native fish fingerlings. Redfin can grow to 600mm and weigh 10kg but the average mature fish is 400mm and 2kg , Redfin are a reasonable eating fish. The Redfin Perch is the main host of Epizootic Haematopoietic Necrosis Virus (EHNV). This virus is characterised by sudden high mortality rates in fish populations.

Several species of native fish are extremely susceptible to this disease and Redfin are responsible to for spreading it . **By Janet Hagen**
Reference : Fishes of the Goulburn - Broken Catchment - A guide to the native & alien fish species of the GBC. GBCMA 2012

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MARCH /APRIL 2012

Week beg 11th March	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOTBE RFB TRUCK Michael Laker Rob Wales
Week beg 11th March	RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER 3rd Lieutenant George Noye (Ph) 57 904 246 (Mob) 0432 928 301
Week beg 11th March	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster</i>
3rd March– 1st April	 <p>GALLERY 34 PRESENTS CHARLES BLACKMAN'S WONDERLAND</p> <p>Thursday– Saturday 9am to 4pm Sundays and Public Holidays 10am-4pm Jo Miller PH 57973222 www.gallery34.com.au</p>
March 6th - April 1st	All New Art Exhibition by Yea artist Meg Heres @ Mitchelton Winery Cellar Door Gallery Nagambie Open 7 Days 10am -5pm Free admittance 03 5736 2221 Artist 04 0034 0279
Friday 9th March	'Drinks on the Deck' 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.
10th and 11th March	Euroa Community Cinema "Sherlock Holmes, Game of Shadows" – this has received rave reviews and is in contrast to all the other movies we have shown so far this year. Lots of action and one the "boys" will enjoy!
Saturday 10th March	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Sharon and Ivan Hazelden, at 200 Blue Top Rd, about 7km east of Highlands along Highlands Rd. Sharon and Mark will give a tour of their hydroponic hothouse and solar power system. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Sharon on 5796 9315
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Bush Market in Goulburn Park , Seymour 9.00 am til 3.00 pm. Great Duck Race, Carnival activities, Musical and dance entertainment, Food and drink stalls, Books, clothes, plants, bric a brac, hardware and lots more. Gate entry \$2, Under 16 Free Site bookings: Betty: 5796-9295 Another community project of Seymour –Goulburn Lions Club and Seymour Apex Club
Thursday 15th March	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE MEETING at 7.30pm at the Rec Reserve. We'll be having a quick meeting to decide upon the schedule of events at the Rec Reserve for 2012. All welcome. Please contact Andrew Holloway on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com for more information.
17th and 18th March	Euroa Community Cinema "Iron Lady" – it will be interesting to see if Meryl Streep receives an Oscar for her performance as Maggie Thatcher in this outstanding movie.
Wednesday 21st March	The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), Hume region invites you to attend a workshop with Dr Rosemary Roberts . Her particular interests include babies and young children's learning and developing well-being from birth to school, the impact of self-esteem on early learning, and ways to support families with the youngest children. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, Yea Council Chambers, The Semicircle, RSVP: Lauren Soyer soyer.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au Ph: 03 5761 2140
Saturday 24th March	SUSTAINABLE SMALL FARM TOUR Tracy and Anthony have built their house in a location to maximise the sun and they have built a lovely garden. They have a fabulous chook pen – the ultimate for chooks! Tracey and Anthony run beef cattle on their property. They have been very thoughtful in every aspect of their property planning, including protection of a lovely swamp. Come and be inspired and while you're at it, learn about managing your own chooks from John Hunt – President of the Alexandra Poultry Club! A light lunch will be provided. Meet: 255 Buxton-Marysville Rd, Buxton Time: 10am – 1pm Guest Speaker – John Hunt – President, Alexandra Poultry Club RSVP: Judy Watts 57360105, or uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au
24th and 25th March	Euroa Community Cinema "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" – this is also up for awards! The original movie was shown at Euroa which was possibly the only place it was screened in the area. We had an amazing response as people came from Shepparton and all places to see it. This version is excellent – possibly better than the first from what I have heard!
Sunday 1st April	Yea Wetlands Committee invites you to a fabulous family and friends fun function. Focus of the day is freshwater fishing, fun as you throw a frisbee, frolic in the fields of the Wetlands or feed your face with food. Whilst feeding your famished stomach with fresh french bread, succulent roasts followed by flapjacks topped with fresh fruit and frozen freme'. The fare for the festive fishing and feasting will set you back a fee of sixty dollars per family or funds of twenty dollars per person. First rate fermentation of the grape variety will be available at a fiver per glass. Some factors that might influence the running of the day are fog, Fahrenheit, freak frost, or feral foreign bodies. Favourable footwear on your feet is advisable. Pre-purchase your tickets from Yea & District Community Bank branch 66 High St., Yea Commences: Four Thirty PM at the Flat Plat, Cummins Reserve

Classifieds & Community Notices

FREE OUTDOOR LIBRARIES

These birdhouse like FREE outdoor libraries are available to everyone! The GVRLC will stock the Free Outdoor Libraries with pre-loved books. Borrow a book and return a book. There are no due dates and no overdue charges. It's that simple!

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BOOK REVIEW

Shadows in the mirror Cameron Nunn

What a stunning first novel from this author. Set in an affluent boarding school for boys, Hamilton College, it deals with the sinister tradition of bullying those younger, weaker and less resilient. However as David and Simon discover bullying is nothing new to these hallowed halls and has been condoned for years by some of the teachers as a means of turning boys into the men who will become the pillars of society and power brokers of tomorrow. By delving into the records of scholarship students the two boys discover a shocking secret that has never been fully explained or expunged from the college's glorious history. A powerful read. By Pauline Roberts

DRAWING ANYONE?

Drawing Group - Anyone interested in drawing/painting etc., and joining a group to meet regularly at the at the old Ruffy Primary School, Tablelands Community Centre? Helen McDougall 57904387 or Ruffy Store.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Little eagle Hieraaetus morphnoides

This bird of prey is less common and less spectacular than its larger relative, the wedge-tail. Its wingspan is only about half the size and its wings are much flatter (not v-shaped) when soaring.

It is pale brown with darker brown wings, many birds having a distinct paler streak, roughly M-shaped across the underwings. They eat small rabbits, birds and lizards. Like most birds of prey, the female is distinctly larger than the male.

By Louise Currie



SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Did you miss out on the last soil health workshop? Are you interested in having a free soil test done (one free sample tested per 200Acres). Soil testing kits will be made available to you from the Landcare office between 1pm and 3pm Friday the 16th of March. Instructions and demonstration of correct sample taking procedures can be given to you if required.

You will have an opportunity to discuss and evaluate your results with a professional, non commercial expert at a workshop with a date to be advised. Register your interest now by contacting: Simone Ulstrup hughes.creek1@gmail.com or phone 5790 4146.

TERIP TERIP HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE BIN

The Terip Terip household garbage bin is a private service organised and paid for by a group of local residents on a subscription basis. The bin is located centrally in Terip Terip and emptied regularly by Cleanaway. If you would like to be involved, please contact Andrew Holloway on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com asap.

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CHARLIKINS BABY CAKES 'n' GIFTS

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The more I looked into it, the more I discovered I could do with baby gifts, and that there is a lack of "something a little different" in this area.

I have a few items already made (see picture, Nappy Cakes, Nappy Motorbikes, Bouquets, Lollypops, Sundaes, Cupcakes and a few items in the making) but once these are gone, cakes and gifts will need to be pre-ordered so I can find good quality, reasonable priced articles.

Please check out my facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Charlikins-Baby-Cakes-n-Gifts/359216507423225> Or send me an e-mail to charlikins@bigpond.com
From Renee Drysdale



RE-ZONING FOR AVENEL

Strathbogie Shire Council has received planning approval from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to re-zone land adjacent to the Avenel Golf Course, from Farming Zone to Low-Density Residential.

This planning approval will allow for the future development, and further release of lots of land that will range in size from one acre through to five acres.

To find out further information on this matter or other Strategic Planning matters, you may contact Emma Kubeil, Manager Economic Growth, Strathbogie Shire Council. Ph: (03) 5795 0000.

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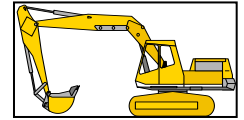
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