



PEOPLE AND PLACES

37th Victorian Rogaining Championships, Strathbogie Ranges, 22-23 September 2012

Rogaining is the team sport of long distance cross-country navigation. The championship rogaine is of twenty-four hours duration. Teamwork, physical activity, endurance, competition, self-reliance, and an appreciation of the natural environment are features of the sport. Rogaining involves route planning and navigation between checkpoints using a variety of map types.

Over the last nine months, we have been making visits to landholders in the Yea-Avenel area of the Strathbogie plateau to discuss plans for the Victorian Rogaining Championships in September this year. We are very grateful for the broad support we have received from landholders who once again are generously making their land available for this navigation event. This is a 24-hour cross country team navigation event on foot, and it is mostly on private farmland. Although the Victorian Rogaining Association [VRA] regularly uses private land for rogaines, it is redoubling its training of members during 2012 regarding protocols and practices to do with fences, sheep, cattle, farm houses and gates. This process has been guided by the various meetings with individual landowners. As for all major rogaines, participants sign an indemnity form before competing, and all state rogaining associations have cover under the Australian Rogaining Association public liability insurance scheme. The indemnity form is on public display on the VRA website [www.vra.rogaine.asn.au].

The rogaine will take place on approximately 250 square kilometers of land between Highlands – Ruffy – Avenel – Mt Stewart – Highlands; and our next task as organisers is to plan and place over 50 checkpoint controls on various topographic features (e.g. summits, gullies, knolls, saddles, spurs, watercourse junctions). Obviously these will be fairly-widely spaced and away from houses and infrastructure including roads. Although participants have freedom of route choice (part of the challenge of the sport), the course setters design the course to keep teams away from inhabited areas as much as possible. Marking control sites: From mid-June, the course-setting team will be visiting the Yea-Avenel course area to mark control positions.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 14

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Placing control sites: In September, different members of the course setting team will independently check each control position and place an electronic marker there. We ask that anyone finding one of these markers does not touch it as the markers are both sensitive and an important part of the event. We will happily explain their use at the event itself.

When making visits for marking control sites and for placing controls, we will try to make ourselves identifiable by wearing our dark blue rogaining shirts. The setting team consists of five people: Rob Gardner (0413 458 562), Nat Phillips (0448 037 307), Nick Crase (0407 233 876), Peter Dalwood (0428 661 117) and Neil Philips (0417 300 400) Much will be done on foot, but we might ask to use some private tracks for vehicle access.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Bridie: For working hard in all areas, always competing her best and being an excellent role model. Well done!

The wheel pottery from Hi Arts is at school. There are lots of pieces that were completed by community members.

LANDCARE TREE ID SIGNS

Improving the indigenous tree identification skills of visitors and locals was the aim of a small education project started by Highlands Landcare Group .

Fifty signs have been placed along roadsides across the Hughes Creek catchment identifying groups of the dominant local tree species. Each sign is the size of a A4 sheet of paper and is riveted to a steel post . Many people have commented on these attractive signs and requested another set to be made pointing out significant understory species. Look out for the new set of signs that should be erected before the wattles start flowering in late winter. By Janet Hagen



LEONE'S CITY EXHIBITION

For those lovers of local Artist Leone Gabrielle's paintings. She is having her first city exhibition. "Big Breath into Town" at 69 Smith Street Gallery Fitzroy next Thursday 24 May from 6pm – 8. More details on her web sight www.leonegabrielle.com.

Leone has been experimenting with a number of small paintings this time. The subjects encompass her work and travels. 57 works including sculptures, sketches, paintings and collages shall be exhibited. There's a story behind



Leone & Stohm in corner country NSW

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE 2012

Week beg 27th May	<i>Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Mowing Roster</i> Jim & Jill Davidson Helen & Chris Bradbury
Friday 25th May	Alexandra library an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Ukulele Heaven BYO ukulele 6 - 8
23rd May - 10th June	Leone Gabrielle " Big Breath into Town " 2012 Solo Exhibition Opening Thursday 24th May 6 - 8pm 69 Smith Street Gallery FITZROY wed / Sat 11 - 5 pm Sun 12- 5 pm. www.leonegabrielle.com
May 25, 26 and 27	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" 88 minutes (G) (FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT – doors open at 6pm) This is Hugh Grants first venture into voicing an animated film. He stars as the Pirate Captain who is desperate to be named Pirate of the Year! However his lucky break comes to an abrupt end when he has stiff competition from another ship!
Friday 25th May	Nest-box project presentations: Lurg-Greta districts, Broken Boosey & > Whroo Goldfields, Warrenbayne-Boho. > Violet Town Community Hall > 6-9 pm > Displays of nest-box de- signs & monitoring equipment > Yummy supper > Spotlight walk along Violet Town's award Winning HREP > RSVP essential Phone Janet Hagen 57904268
Saturday 26th May	Tapas Night at Rocky Passes ... this month, it's a Saturday night instead of Friday night. 1590 Highlands Rd from 6pm. Gabbie Pritchard will be singing. Please call 57969366 or email contact@rockypasses.com.au t
Saturday 26th May	YOUR FIRST HORSE with Glenda Bullen Learn all there is to know about buying and caring for your first horse. Glenda is a highly experienced breeder, coach and competitor. Some of the topics covered will include selecting a horse, caring, costs of keeping, what to look for and how to purchase, where to get help and first aid. 11am—1pm Cost: \$2 Yea and District Community House Phone: 03 5797 3070
Sunday 27th May	Highland Ramblers. Meet at Highlands hall 10.30 am. Contact Andrew Shaw ph 0427969297 for more info.
Monday 28th May	Soil Management & Alternative Fertilisers Site Field Day 10am-2.00pm David Rees, DPI Cath Botta, PCB Consulting , Peter Ockenden, Peter Ockenden & Assoc. Where -Strathbogie Alternative Fertiliser Trial Site David Hamilton's farm "Bolarum" 1948 Strathbogie-Euroa Rd Strathbogie Provided BBQ lunch Bring Appropriate clothing and footwear, chair if you'd like to sit down RSVP by Friday 18th May Greg Bekker 5761 1631 Greg.Bekker@dpi.vic.gov.au We can see what's on top, but what lies beneath? Soil structure and management directly influence air, water and root penetration, affecting pasture growth and productivity. David, Cath and Peter will take us through 3 soil pits in different parts the landscape.
Thurs 31st May	HIGHLANDS / CAVEAT Rural Fire Brigade END OF SEASON MEETING (planning for Mud Bash) @ 19:30 @ Highlands Fire Shed Office Everyone urged to attend the meeting so we have a quorum
Thursday 31st May	Secret Men's Business at the Caveat Church this Thursday. Everyone in the district is welcome to attend an informal gathering at the church for a BBQ and chat. BBQ will be supplied, BYO drinks and enjoy.
1st June	Good grazing from ground up – Sustainable Farm Practices 9.00-3.00pm DSE Office Alexandra Jude Hill 5772 0278 judith.hill@dpi.vic.gov.au
Friday 1st June	WILDLIFE RECOVERY AFTER BLACK SATURDAY The Yea Wetlands Committee are very pleased to bring to you a wonderful story of recovery. The Project—Focus on Fauna, is an initiative of the Upper Goulburn Land- care Network which set out to survey and record the wildlife that was returning to private properties after the Black Saturday Bushfires. The results of the year long survey, undertaken in 2011 will amaze you. For more information visit www.focusonfauna.wordpress.com Where: Maranatha Hall, Lyons St, Yea Time:6.30 pm Glenda Woods Phone: 57 972 417, 0428 321545 or woodsylgm@bigpond.net.au
June 2nd & 3rd	EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" 107 minutes (M) Com- edy / Romance 3.5 stars Based on the novel by Paul Torday, the story is about a scientist who is approached by a Sheik in the Yemen to introduce salmon fishing into his country.
Tuesday 5th June	Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade-Annual General Meeting followed by general meeting at the Ruffy Hall, 8pm . All welcome.
Friday 8th June	'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.
Sunday 17th June	BIKE SERVICING with Shannon Rademaker, All Terrain Cycles Get your bike serviced at the Yea Commu- nity House all day by All Terrain Cycles, Mansfield. It will cost \$88 for a complete service per bike.
Thurs 28th June	HIGHLANDS / CAVEAT Rural Fire Brigade AGM (election of office bearers) @ 19:30 @ Highlands Fire Shed Office Everyone urged to attend the meeting so we have a quorum.

Classifieds & Community Notices

DEAD FOX COMPETITION

Fox on the run comp, \$500 prize, starts June, to register or for further information contact Simone on 03 5790 4146. hughes.creek1@gmail.com

SOIL HEALTH TEST KITS AND WORKSHOP

Would you like to have your soil tested and attend a workshop to analyse your results? Testing kits are free (one test per 100 Ac) and are a great way to get a baseline for your property. For further information please call Simone on 03) 5790 4146 or email hughes.creek1@gmail.com.

BOOK REVIEW

The Robe of Skulls Vivian French

A rollicking little read that the author "hopes that children will enjoy reading as much as I enjoyed writing it – I had FUN!" And funny it certainly is with a cast of characters either really good or really evil, including a rather scruffy prince, 2 chatty bats, the wickedest step-sister ever and trueheart Gracie Gillypot. The story bowls along at a cracking pace. Definitely a magical story that's a little bit different. Good fun. By Pauline Roberts

WORK REQUIRED

Work required - looking for any admin work around the district, can come to you or do from home, great rates available ASAP. References can be supplied. Call 0437281072 or email shaz2810@yahoo.com.au

USEFUL PUBLICATIONS TO KNOW ABOUT

| Making Cent\$ of Carbon and Emissions On-Farm
www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farming-management/weather-climate/understanding-carbon-and-emissions/making-cents-of-carbon-and-emissions-on-farm

| True Tales of the Trout Cod - booklets, clips, etc. <http://australianriverrestorationcentre.com.au/mdb/troutcod/>

| Farm Plastics Waste Disposal in Victoria - Key Findings 2011 Contact GMLN on gmln@iinet.net.au to obtain a copy.

| The CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology have released their joint State of the Climate report for 2012 www.bom.gov.au/announcements/media_releases/ho/stateClimate2012.pdf

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Black shouldered kite Elanus axillaris

This beautiful little raptor is just a fraction bigger than a kestrel, and shares its hunting method of hovering on the spot while searching for prey. It's commonly seen perching on power poles or dead trees and prefers open country. It has very distinctive colouring – mainly white, with grey wings and black shoulder tips. It will eat lizards and insects but its main prey is mice, so it's welcome at my place any time.



SEYMOUR WOMEN'S HEALTH—PAP CLINIC

Seymour Women's Health is partnering with Yea Community House to offer a free PAP Clinic.

When: 1st June, 7th December (9am-3.30pm) Where: Yea Women's Clinic, Grace Bennett Centre, Yea Hospital
Cost: FREE Bookings: 03 5735 8050

ROLL UP, ROLL UP! TO A FUN FREE FISH CIRCUS

Bring the family and find out what's in your King Parrot Creek! •Learn some great fishing tips, •Make some fabulous fish art, •Watch electrofishing in action, •Meet the Connies! BBQ lunch will be provided.

Saturday, 26th May Time: 11am – 3pm
Bring : Your own rod if you have one, and a chair or rug Meet under the Goulburn Valley Hwy Bridge, Kerrisdale
RSVP: Judy Watts – 5736 0105



YEA FIRE BRIGADE

Yea Fire Brigade Group is looking to recruit additional people for roles at Group level.

The two roles available are:
o assist in the Radio Room with Group Communications, or to act as members of the Level 2 Incident Management Team (IMT). Appropriate training is offered. Interested persons should contact:
IMT. Neil Beer (0427.144.777), or Radio. Wendy Hiscock (03.5797.2523)

HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA

CFA - any persons interested in joining the Highlands/Caveat CFA & require forms & training please contact Sharyn Shaw ASAP, we can start going the basics on the truck etc & if we get the numbers of new members we can organize minimum skills to be held in Highlands. Please call Sharyn on 0437281072 or email shaz2810@yahoo.com.au

MEDITATION RETREAT Stress relief in nature

Clearview Retreat in the King Parrot Valley is now running meditation retreats, offering take-home simple relaxation tools for stress management and rejuvenation. Anja Tanhane, who led a successful stress-management day at Clearview Retreat in October 2009 for bushfire recovery workers, is returning to run a weekend retreat combining meditation, tai chi - and bushwalking in the adjacent Tallarook forest. Jocelyn Bennett and Paul Macgregor, who have been running yoga retreats at Clearview since 2004, will be hosting the meditation weekend, and cooking delicious vegetarian food for the guests.

When: 29 June to 1 July.

Cost: \$345 all inclusive.

Ph: Jocelyn 5797 0229.

Email: diversity@diversity.org.au

www.clearviewretreat.org.au

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL, BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING COMMUNITY GRANTS

Funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Community Grants provide financial support and guidance to individuals, communities and organisations for the implementation of projects which make long term impacts on the recycling of beverage containers. Community groups are able to apply for funding between \$3000 - \$10,000 including GST. Applications close 15 June 2012 <http://www.kab.org.au/what-we-do/beverage-container-recycling-grants/>

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