



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### "Handmade" returns to Yea

It all started a few years ago, I was wondering what I going to do with my stash of fabric (years ago I was told that she who dies with the most wins, well I was trying to win !) maybe I could sell it, rent a space somewhere in Yea, get some friends involved, so that's how it all started.

Jeni and I would spin at the Yea market and sell our goods over winter but it was so cold, so last year I rented The Mudpuddle and "Handmade" was on its way.

This year we have Jennifer Keast with her quirky Apronology range, Michelle Forbes with her fabulous felted Wraps, Carmel's groovy handspun & hand dyed socks, Burnside botanicals with all the beautiful handmade soaps, gorgeous children's hand knits from Sages Cottage, Jenny's lovely wooden bread boards, hand painted silk scarves, lots of handspun yarns and plenty more, so if you are in Yea drop in and have a look.

"Handmade" located at the Mudpuddle, 92 High St Yea

Open: Thursday ~ Sunday, 10am~4pm  
Closing Sunday the 19th of August

Any enquires please call Christine 57 97 0226 or Jeni 57 97 2901

And the fabric is still in the cupboard!

By Christine & all from "Handmade"



## FOX AND WILD DOG COLLECTION SCHEDULE JUNE

Next round of collection points will be open as follows: Benalla: Wednesday 20th June 10;30-12;30 FOX ONLY  
Broadford: Thursday 21st June 10;30-12;30 FOX ONLY  
Mansfield: Wednesday 20th June 2;30-4;30 FOX AND WILD DOG For terms and conditions please visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)

## MUDBASH SUCCESS

Mudbash, the Victorian Rovers Scouts biggest event of the year was held at Mafeking Rover Park this Queen's Birthday Long weekend.

The event attracted over 800 Rovers for the weekend, with a similar number of visitors for the Open Day on Sunday taking full advantage of the beautiful weather. Open Day activities included abseiling, a bouldering wall and jumping castle, Hot Laps in the Mudbash buggies, CAMS Junior Development Program as well as many competitions and give- aways.

The Mudbash Committee visited Highlands Primary School on Friday afternoon to display a Mudbash buggy and give out free tickets for the Open Day, allowing the students to see what Mudbash and Scouting is all about.



The 2012 event also celebrated the 40th year of Mudbash, so there were several festivities to celebrate this anniversary. These included a Mudbash Museum, historic car parade, celebratory cake and a race to pit the past event Chairmen against each other on the track. Mudbash 2012 was a great success and the committee would like to thank Mafeking Rover Park and the local community for their support.

By Lachlan Preston



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## WELCOME TO ISSUE 17

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## BEAU FRUEND CONCRETING

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Hi, My name is Beau, I operate a Concreting Small Business based in Euroa and would like to tell you a little bit about myself and what I do. I have extensive experience in the Concreting Industry. Before starting up on my own early last year, I previously worked for a large concreting company, in which I have worked on sites big and small, doing a variety of different jobs. I have a current OHS Construction Induction Certificate. I specialize in a variety of work, including: Driveways, Patios, Shed slabs, footpaths and lots more, I am contactable 7 days per week on the above number. Servicing my local area and surrounds, I pride myself on prompt, friendly, but professional service. Please give me a call and we can discuss any jobs that you may have in mind, as I offer a free, no obligation Quote. Thanks for your time.

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## UPDATE ON "FOX ON THE RUN" COMP

Registrations closed for entrants in the Hughes Creek Catchments' "fox on the run comp" on the 1st of June. We had many teams register, hunting in various parts of the catchment and some keen to take advantage of being able to claim the fox bounty from the DPI and at the same time collect tails for the comp.

On behalf of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative we would like to thank all the entrants and wish them good luck, It will be fantastic to have a total count of foxes hunted and to see a drastic reduction in the number of foxes in our area. Happy Hunting!!!

By Simone Ulstrup





# Classifieds & Community Notices

## LEGAL LIABILITIES TRAINING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The next session on the Strathbogie Shire Council's Community Training Calendar is all about the legal liabilities for people on community committees. The training calendar is a series of relaxed, free workshops specifically for those who volunteer in community groups in the Shire. The Legal Liabilities workshop will be delivered by the Public Interest Legal Clearing House (PILCH), who specialise in legal advice and training at the grassroots level. It will provide participants with a good understanding of their legal responsibilities when performing their committee role, plus a copy of PILCH's Guide to the Legal Duties of Not-for-profit Committee Members in Victoria to share with other committee members and to refer back to when needed. 29th June Bookings are essential - Liz Scarfe on 5795 0161 or [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

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Dear Readers,  
I felt that possibly an opportunity exists, where we can contribute our own bit of road safety advice. About 10.00 pm. Thursday evening two very distraught young ladies were at our front door. They had been involved in a car accident, and could we help. It turns out that the Caveat Church corner has yet claimed another victim ! The girl driving was on probationary plates, and only had the car for three weeks. Her intention was to gain some experience of varied driving conditions. They were from town. Neither occupants were injured! Had the impact point been 300m.m. further forward, we would have been witnessing a far different situation altogether!, It does not seem that excessive speed was involved. Only a lack of night-time traffic sign identification knowledge and driving skills. The point I am trying to make is new drivers should be far more in tune as to what road signs identify, and able to make split second decisions when confronted with them.

From John and Jan Sporry

## HERITAGE STUDY

The Murrindindi Shire Council has completed a Heritage Study to ensure that heritage places are properly documented and protected for the future. The study was adopted by Council on 27 February 2012. A full copy of the adopted study, including all the citations, is available on the Murrindindi Shire Council website, and at all Council offices.

When funding becomes available, Council will commence the amendment process, and all affected property owners will be notified. Contact the planning department on 5772 0317 for more information in relation to the heritage study.

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Artemis Fowl titles – Eoin Colfer

Eoin Colfer is the author of the highly popular anti-hero Artemis Fowl. So far there have been six books about his villainous exploits. All have been great, fast-paced reads. If you enjoy reading quirky adventure novels with well-drawn characters and a great sense of humour then this series is for you. Other titles by Colfer are also worth a read. For years 5-8.

By Pauline Roberts

## STRAYING STOCK A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN

Murrindindi Shire Council will issue fines of up to \$2,000 to landholders who continue to let their stock wander on to major highways and roads. Council's General Manager Sustainability Michael Chesworth said more than 20 calls had been received in the last month to remove stock from some of the shire's busiest roads.



Above is one of the stone artifacts found in the local area. This is on display at the Euroa Arboretum as part of the STONE TOOLS OF THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES workshop.

## BLACKBERRIES – A COMMUNITY SOLUTION THROUGH ACTION GROUPS

Rubus Fruticosus sounds like something quite entrancing but in reality it is the common blackberry, a noxious weed and the scourge of many local landowners, even public land management agencies.

But following a public meeting attended by forty local landowners and interested parties from throughout the Murrindindi Shire and held in Yea last week a Landcare community project, in fact a Blackberry Action Group, seems likely to be unleashed to reduce the infestation of blackberries and reclaim what is usually productive farm land or even road sides, reserves and plantations.

The first movers in the new Action Group project seem likely to be Landcare groups based at Merton and Strath Creek - Flowerdale where there are significant infestations.

Most Landcare groups are able to appoint a project officer who works often a couple of days a week for three to four months of the year to liaise with property owners, encourage action and provide resources.

Victoria's Department Primary Industry has the Victorian Blackberry Task Force (VBTF) which provides a support role and resources to local community groups.

The Yea meeting heard how Victoria now has six (soon to be eight) community management groups working on the blackberry problem.

Strath Creek farmer and Landcare leader Terry Hubbard has recently been appointed as a director of the VBTF so he was also to provide some local insights and encouragement.

Community Blackberry Action Groups function quite separately from the DPI whose role is to provide advice and resources.

Weeds like blackberries are the responsibility of the landowner and the body of evidence shows that the identification of the problem, creating community interest and activity, combined with the resources that can be obtained from local Landcare or the DPI leads to a reduction in the problem. Speaking on behalf of local Landcare groups Terry Hubbard said it seemed to be important to start slowly and locally and he anticipated that the Community Blackberry Action Group approach could work cohesively and successfully throughout our local Shire.

**Extract from John Kennedy's article**

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