



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### FIFTH RUFFY ART SHOW AND SALE WITH OPEN GARDENS

#### TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

The Fifth Biennial Ruffy Art Show and Sale is on at the Ruffy Community Hall on the weekend of the 10 and 11 November from 10am to 5 pm both days. Entry is \$5.00. Entries from artists are still being accepted for the show until Friday November 2. (See [www.ruffycommunity.com.au](http://www.ruffycommunity.com.au) or phone 5790 4318 for an entry form.)

The Art Show will commence with the popular 'Meet the Artists' preview on Friday 9 November at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to mingle with some of the artists who have entered their artwork in the show and get in early to purchase a favoured piece of art. The usual delicious array of locally made finger food and wines will again be available to enjoy. Tickets for the preview are \$15 and are available on 5790 4318.

During the weekend there will be most popular painting competition, a raffle, activities to keep the kids amused and light refreshments available to enjoy.

The photo of the painting below is called 'Inspiration' by Marian Rennie.

Three Ruffy Gardens will be OPEN from 10am – 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday during the Art Show.

### 'Coolalie' McLeans Lane

A beautiful remake to an old setting. Wide verandahs for entertaining with vistas into a park-like setting. This garden created by ABC presenter Caroline Blackman of Vivid Designs features copses of well-grown birch and Manchurian pear trees, walled gardens and roses set amongst older established trees. As this garden matures it reflects the designer's vision.

### 'Greenwood Park' Maggies Lane

Approached by a winding drive, with distant vistas framed by Stone Pines propagated 25 years ago from cones collected in Malvern's Hedgely Dene Gardens, Greenwood Park's secret garden reveals itself to delight the visitor.

Evolving over the years, the garden rambles in a profusion of bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees from around the world. From the welcoming Chestnuts, the exotic Iranian Parrotia tree, the Indian Bean tree, to the English Mulberry and apple orchard, to peonies, irises, salvias and columbines, Greenwood's garden enchants the senses and constantly surprises.

### 'Parrindi' Weibye Track

A long entrance lined with Castlewella gold cypress and an ornamental lake leads to a circular driveway incorporating a copse of cut leaf birches in front of the garden gate. This large garden comprises a series of garden rooms and pathways with camellias, rhododendrons, lilacs, topiaries, a formal rose garden and a superb laburnum archway in full flower. The outdoor BBQ area features the original homestead's kitchen fireplace made of local stone. A large potager garden with a separate orchard where chooks wander completes the picture.

Follow the signposts and flags and balloons will be at each Garden entrance.

Cost is \$5 pp each garden or \$10 for all three.

Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the Ruffy Community Hall Art project.

## WELCOME TO ISSUE 31

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## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Kendall:** For her outstanding effort with High Jump- jumping a personal best and representing HPS at Zone, Regional & State level. Well done!

**Raffle Fundraisers:** Thank you to the people who have already donated goods for the raffle being held at the Hobbies Howe luncheon on 20th November. If you have something you could donate please drop it at school.

**Mosaic Tiles:** A huge thank you to Maree Gilbert who has nearly completed the mosaic tile mural and has it on display in the bus shelter area. It looks fantastic and has generated a lot of conversation. Students will help Maree grout it and then it will be complete. Well done Maree!

### OLD MOBILES BRINGING MEMORIES BACK TO LIFE

Murrindindi Shire residents can join the 'Memory Muster' and revive their favourite photographic images as part of MobileMuster's new initiative to encourage people to recycle their old mobiles and accessories.

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## COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2012

Week 4th November	<b>TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE Mowing Roster</b> Craig & Jenny Murphy Brian & Gail Van Rooyen
Week 4th November	<b>WHITEHEADS CREEK -TARCOMBE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER</b> Doug McLarty Kate Coulson
Tuesday 29th October	<b>RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE</b> -Pre-Season Meeting. Tablelands Community Centre-(Old Ruffy School) 8pm. All welcome. (J. Hagen Sec)
Saturday 3rd November	<b>ALEXANDRA LIBRARY</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 History Café share local history over morning tea, great photos & stories 10-12
Saturday 3rd November	<b>YEA COUNTRY MARKET DAY</b> 9am to 2pm Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea
Saturday 3rd November	<b>GEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIP</b> The second in our series of field trips with Dr Neville Rosengren "Interpreting the fascinating geology and landscape of the Strathbogie Ranges from Yea to Highlands." Starting 9.30am Yea Tennis Club clubrooms at Yea Recreation Reserve ,Snodgrass St, Yea. Finishing 4.30pm at Highlands. Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea supplied. Numbers are limited. Book your place before 1st NOV. Judy Watts 57 360105
Saturday 3rd & 4th November	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "Moonrise Kingdom" - 94 mins (PG) Comedy / Drama / Romance 3.5 stars Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, this is the story of two twelve-year-olds who fall in love, make a secret pact, and run away together into the wilderness. As various authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing off-shore -- and the peaceful island community is turned upside down in more ways than anyone can handle. An endearing movie in which the runaway takes with her – a kitten, books, a wind-up record player and binoculars...all quite bizarre – but worth coming to see.
Tuesday 6th November	<b>TERIP TERIP CUP DAY</b> Chicken and Champagne Lunch, ,Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Commencing at 12.30pm. Cost \$20.00 per head children \$5.00 Chicken and welcome Champagne provided, please bring a sweet or salad to share. BYO any other drinks. Cup Sweeps, 'Fashion on the Field' awards for the best dressed, Running of the Annual Terip Terip Cup. Bookings Essential please ring Kate Wright 5790 4148
Wednesday 7th November	<b>ALEXANDRA LIBRARY</b> an essential part of your community! 5772 0349 Soapbox – Lively discussion on edgy topics this month - Cults 7-8pm
Thursday 8th November	<b>ANNUAL OAKS DAY LUNCHEON</b> Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn Inc and Cancer Council Victoria - Seymour Unit invites you to our at the Seymour Race Club on Thursday 8th November 2012 . Doors open at 11.30a.m. and Lunch is at 12.45 p.m. Admission is \$25.00 per person (tables of 10) Drinks available at the Bar (NO BYO) Door Prizes... Raffles... Best Dressed... Best Hat... Best Shoes. Tickets available from Leading Edge Jewellery Shop 1 The Mall Seymour. Phone 57990773
Friday 9th November	<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.
Friday 9th November	<b>RUFFY ART SHOW</b> 'Meet the Artists' Preview & Fundraiser at the Ruffy Public Hall. - 7.00 pm Tickets \$15. Ph: Glen 5790 4318. This is a great opportunity to mingle with the artists choose the painting you can't live without. In past Art Shows, over 50 percent of paintings sold over the weekend were sold at the Friday night preview.
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November	<b>EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA</b> "The Cabin in the Woods" - 95 mins 4 stars Fans of modern horror will make a bee line for this movie. There is a remote cabin in the woods, a collection of model teens, and bad things happen! And if you think you know the story – you don't! There is a lot to be said for this movie but no one who has seen it will spoil the fun of those yet to see it. One critic wrote "that if only all horror films could be like "Cabin the Woods". Witty, scary and wickedly entertaining (for those who like this kind of thing!)
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November	<b>RUFFY ART SHOW &amp; Sale</b> at the Ruffy Hall. 10 am - 5 pm Great art, activities for children and delicious food. In conjunction with the Art Show : OPEN RUFFY GARDENS 10am- 4 pm Saturday and Sunday .Three Ruffy Gardens - Coolalie, Greenwood Park and Parrindi will be 'OPEN'. Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for all three gardens. Follow the signposts or directions at the Ruffy Hall. Flags & balloons at each garden.
Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November	<b>INAUGURAL RIDE YEA TO MANSFIELD YEAighty k's</b> has been created to allow all levels of rider to enjoy the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail. It is our vision this will be a yearly event for singles, couples and families within a non compete environment. We hope to provide a higher awareness not only of the rail trail, but the beautiful scenery, shops and facilities along the way. The rides will vary but the mileage each day will stay around 80kms which now explain the name! For more information about cost and conditions contact <a href="mailto:markspencer07@bigpond.com">markspencer07@bigpond.com</a>
Saturday 17th November	<b>WORKING BEE HIGHLANDS HALL.</b> There will be a 'small' working bee at the Highlands Hall from 9.00am to generally tidy up before the 'Big' Bike Ride event on the 25th. We need to mow, whipper snip, sweep and clean to make sure everything looks ship shape. For more information contact Judy C on 5796 9247.

# Classifieds & Community Notices

## ROADSIDE WEED SPRAYING

Are there any weeds popping up along your roadside?? The HCCC is looking at co-ordinating with local councils to eradicate weeds along the roadsides within our catchment.

To report any emerging trouble spots please email or call Simone on [hughes.creek1@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek1@gmail.com) or 03 5790 4146.

## BOOK REVIEW

### Titus rules OK – Dick King-Smith

This is a cute easy read all about one of the Queen's corgi pup – Titus. He is a smart and clever fellow and the Queen has cause to be grateful to him for his fast thinking on not one but three occasions. Needless to say he becomes her favourite dog. Whilst children will enjoy this satisfactory little story, parents will enjoy the asides even more. Exchanges like, "I shall have that job one day mummy," said Prince Charles. "When I'm dead and gone you mean?" said his mother. "Well, er, yes"... Titus was sitting on his bottom and the Queen bent down and spoke softly in his ear. "He's going to have to wait an awfully long time," she whispered, "Specially if I live to be as old as my mum."

By Pauline Roberts

## LOST SOMETHING?

Left behind after the last Old Highlands Rd street party - one china bowl and one stubby holder. Please ring Pauline and let her know if either are yours. Thanks. 0427 529551

## NEW LOCAL HANDYMAN

### Landscaper, tiler looking for work

I've recently moved to the area, Fernside to be precise, I've been self employed for over 15 years in Building, landscaping and a bathroom renovating venture. I'm a broadly skilled efficient tradesman with an artistic/creative edge. I'm contactable on 0498 137313 (Leave a message) or the email address, thank you [cpbathrooms@gmail.com](mailto:cpbathrooms@gmail.com)

Colin Omar Pearson

## HCCC SPRAY UNITS

Ruffy– Don Cook  
Habbies Howe– Scott McKay (900 Lt),  
Tarcombe— Rob Hayes (450 Lt)  
Michael Kopanica (600Lt)

## HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE

To all Highlands/Caveat Fire brigade members there will be training sessions run every Weds night from 31st Oct til Dec, every member must attend a training session to be classed as component for this coming fire season. All sessions will be from 7pm til 9pm, any questions or to arrange another day please call Sharyn 0437281072 or Les 57969265. All members with pagers please have them on & ready, batteries supplied in the CFA shed.

## CULT DISCUSSION AT ALEXANDRA LIBRARY

Soapbox at the Alexandra Library is an opportunity for debate and discussion around edgy interesting topics. Soapbox on Wednesday 7 November from 7pm will be about cults.

Author Raphael Aaron will share his expertise on this topic and lead an evening of lively discussion.

Brainwashing has become almost a household word in the last two decades or so. In 1961 after studying the effects of mind control on American prisoners of war under the Communist Chinese, Robert J. Lifton wrote the definitive book on the subject, Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism.

Lifton lists eight major factors used to identify whether a group is a destructive cult or not. He suggests that any authoritarian religion should be held up to the light in order to determine how destructive their influence is on their members.

Raphael Aaron is the author of Cults: Too good to be true. This is an invaluable guide to family and friends who are concerned about the involvement of a loved one in a cult. Similarly it is an important book for community leaders and clergymen who seek a deeper understanding of the phenomena of cultism. You are invited to join us at the Alexandra Library to discuss this controversial topic.

Soapbox is sponsored by Friends of the Library Alexandra.

## OLD BATTERY COLLECTION

Rotary Club of Seymour collects old batteries and ensures their safe and appropriate disposal. Contact Alan Walton on 5792-2338 to arrange collection.

## COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTION PERIOD STARTS

Murrindindi Shire Council's fire restriction period has started which means property owners wanting to reduce fuel loads must obtain a permit to burn.

Council's General Manager Sustainability Michael Chesworth said it was important people continued to actively reduce fuel loads on properties but they must follow the guidelines under the fire restriction period.

Council's 'Fire Amnesty' period in residential areas has ceased and no burning off will be permitted in any residential or rural area without a permit.

"If you are planning a burn off you are required to obtain a permit, unless it complies with a range of criteria. This also applies to the burning of windrows," Mr Chesworth said.

During the municipal restriction period, residents should contact the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) Andrew Daly, to discuss their situation and an inspection can be arranged for a permit to be issued.

"It is very important that residents, landholders and visitors obey the fire restriction period. People who light fires without permits can face fines of up to \$2,000 given the significant risk fire posed to life and property," Mr Chesworth said.

Council will start property inspections in and around settlement areas in mid November to ensure owners have completed fire prevention works.

"It is important that everyone plays a role in fire prevention," Mr Chesworth said. "Failure by owners to maintain their property could lead to enforcement action."

During the fire restriction period, permits are required in rural areas to burn-off any tree, stump, log or vegetation in excess of 75mm (3 inches) in diameter.

Permits are not required for the burning of stubble grass, bracken or vegetation under 75mm (3 inches).

The municipal fire restriction period will end at the commencement of the CFA's Declared Fire Danger Period which will be determined by the Country Fire Authority.

"It is important to note that after the commencement of the CFA Declared Fire Danger Period no permits to burn will be issued by Council," Mr Chesworth said. People wanting more information on permits should contact Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0376.



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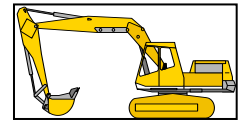
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