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art & ideas

Weekend March 2nd & 3rd

Hi Praise for HiArts

"HiArts is a wonderful opportunity for locals to experience a range of high-quality works of art. It is a generous response from a caring community to showcase artists' work and celebrate several facets of the arts, from music to a visual arts exhibition. Congratulations to the organisers! It's a highlight of the year!"
From Jo Miller



WELCOME TO ISSUE 7 2013
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BITS OF BOTANY & BIRDS



Vale—"Big Mumma" Banksia Tree
Sadly, the ancient old Silver Banksia standing a few hundred metres down the Buntings Hill Rd from the Ruffy township has curled up its toes. The current extended dry spell, following on from the recent drought, then floods, has pushed this iconic tree over the edge. It could no longer adjust to the changes in our climate.

I was very sad to see its dry brown leaves and withering branches. I'm not sure how old it actually was but many botanists have estimated it to be between 150 - 200 years. It was a legendary tree.

Thankfully, there has been a long term seed gathering programme and the old tree's genetics will survive through her children that have been propagated by the Euroa Arboretum. There are only nine such trees identified within the entire Goulburn/Broken catchment, five of which are within the Hughes Creek catchment.
By Janet Hagen

"Angels" a Dennis Spiteri Exhibition in conjunction with HiArts

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending another generous offering at Dennis Spiteri's studio. Each year, I eagerly await Dennis' annual exhibition.....the next chapter in an unfolding visual story.

"Angels" was painted over 1991-92. The music that inspired the series is called 'Black Angels' for amplified string quartet by the American composer George Crumb. The paintings explore the extremes of chaos and order; tenderness and violence; love and hate; light and dark; good and evil; masculine and feminine; civilised and primal nature.

Both the paintings and music are challenging, contemporary ... and big! Several paintings are just under 3x5 metres. The paint is applied with his fingers, a technique begun in the previous series "Helios".

At the preview, Dennis explained that after a month living with the "equivalent of writers block", playing different musical works looking for an idea to work with, he finally played "Black Angels". Suddenly, his imagination fired up, and he started envisaging moving black shapes. He finished the first painting ... one of the largest ... in a day and called it "Black Angels"!

Not many small rural communities are treated to an annual exhibition of spectacular work by a local artist of Dennis' calibre. We have the opportunity to listen to him talk freely about his techniques, philosophy and journey and we can hear the music that inspired it.

It is a gift that Dennis offers ... asking nothing but perhaps a conversation about the work or art in general. It is through Dennis' exhibitions that I have started to develop an appreciation of abstract art. His work provides much food for thought.

The Dennis Spiteri gallery is an awesome experience just minutes away from the HiArts Exhibition at the Highlands Hall and I highly recommend a visit.

Dennis Spiteri Gallery is included with the HiArts 2013 weekend pass March 2nd/3rd
For more information www.hiarts.org or www.dennis-spiteri.com

By Candi Westney

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week
Rick

For leadership in his comprehension group and a great start to his narrative writing. Well done!

Book Fair

Di has organised a Scholastic Book Fair for HPS starting on Monday 18th March. There will be many books available for sale at very reasonable prices. The Book Fair will be open before and after school on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th for browsing and purchases. Families and friends are invited to a morning tea on Monday 18th at 11am to look at the books available for sale.

School Council

Thank you to parents who have shown an interest in School Council. The number of nominations equalled the number of position so we welcome Bridget Clarke, Paul Rudd and Sharyn Shaw to the 2013-2014 School Council. A special welcome also to Cindy Hayes who joins the Finance and Physical Resources sub committee.

A big thank you to outgoing members Gaelyn Deglatis and Philip Wischer. We have appreciated your time and input on School Council over the last year.

By Meagan Callander—Principal HPS

COMMUNITY IMMINENT EVENTS CALENDAR - JAN/FEB 2013



CFA ROSTERS
W/C Feb 24th

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe..... Driver: Michael Laker Assistant: Carol Wood
- Ruffy 2nd Lieutenant George Noye's Team
- Terip Terip..... 3rd Lieutenant Tim Lawrence's Team

Exhibition Open until Monday 25th February	GALLERY 34 34 High Street Yea A Group Exhibition Titled 'On Home Ground' by Marion Bruere, Mary Hyde and Julian Bruere Gallery Times: Thursday to Sunday 9am-4pm Mondays 10am-4pm & Public Holidays 9am-4pm Contact Grace Leslie 57973222 info@gallery34.com.au
Thursday 28th February 5:30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks
Friday 1st March Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd	10th ANNUAL "HiARTS ART EXHIBITION & FAMILY FESTIVAL" Highlands Hall, Highlands <i>"HiArts" is the district's pre-eminent Arts Festival.</i> The works showcased at HiArts are stunning, uplifting & inspirational. Be sure that you get there! For more info Contact Stuart Reid 5796 9358 Email: kadumbra@mac.com Web: www.hiarts.org
Saturday 2nd March 9am-2pm	YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry
Saturday 2nd March 5:30pm	MUSIC & TAPAS at ROCKY PASSES 1590 Highlands Rd. Whiteheads Creek "True Lies" live band plays Jazz, Blues & Roots music. Cost is \$40pp for Food & Music. Bookings Essential. Contact 5796 9366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au
Saturday 2nd March Showtime 8:00pm	RUFFARTZ Ruffy Hall, Nolans Road Ruffy. The evening presents a double bill Ventriloquist Sarah Jones performs her own work "Sarah Doesn't Play Well with Others" followed by Denis Coard with his sequel "The Umpire Strikes Back.....May the Farce Be With You" BYO Drinks. Coffee & Cake available at interval. Contact Glen George on 5790 4318
Saturday 2nd 8:00pm & Sunday 3rd March 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Hitchcock" 99 mins (M) Bio/Drama ***+ 3.5 stars A speculative movie about what may have happened behind the scenes during the making of "Psycho" back in 1960. <i>Anthony Hopkins</i> plays Hitchcock, with <i>Helen Mirren</i> as his wife, as well as <i>Scarlett Johansson</i> and <i>James D'Arcy</i> in supporting roles.
Sunday 3rd March 5pm-7pm	RUFFY WEEKEND WALKERS Monthly ramble to Points of Interest around the district Meet at Tablelands Community Centre (Old Ruffy School) Contact Neil Doran 0457 253875
Tuesday 5th March 1:30pm	SEYMOUR & DISTRICT U3A "MELTING POT" Salvation Army Hall, Victoria St., Seymour This Month "How is Government Doing in Australia?" A talk by Mr Terry Moran AC Everyone is Welcome Contact: Trish Archer at Seymour & district U3A 0409 945807
Wednesday 6th March 8:00pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP MEETING Ruffy Recreation Reserve, Noye Lane Ruffy A busy agenda of local Community items, including final approval of the Ruffy Community Action Plan Everyone is Welcome For Details & Copy of the Draft Action Plan Contact Justus Hagen 5790 4268
Thursday 7th March 10:30am-12:30	RUFFY PLAYGROUP Tablelands Community Centre@ Ruffy (Old Ruffy School) Various Supervised Kids' Activities. This month "Easter Egg Baskets" Cost: \$3:00 per Family. Bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Sally Kubeil 5790 4335 or 0407 904335
Friday 8th March 6:30pm	"DRINKS on the DECK" Highlands Community Hall 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. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247
Sunday 10th March from 4:30pm	RUFFY PRODUCE STORE Labour Day Weekend —Music Nolans Rd. Ruffy Kick back in the garden with the "Hairy Lassos", antipasti, jugs of sangria and a long sunset Perfect Contact Helen 5790 4387 or email store@ruffy.com.au
Saturday 16th March 9am-1pm	EUROA FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> Contact Meggs Hannes 0407 860 320 meggshp@gmail.com
Saturday 23rd March 12noon	CREIGHTONS CREEK PICNIC First held in 1895, The Creightons Creek Picnic tradition is being continued A wonderful Family day featuring Old Time Games. BYO Picnic Lunch or buy a Snag from the CFA Cost is \$10 per Adult Children Free Venue is Creightons Creek Reserve Contact Howard 5790 3282

Classifieds & Community Notices

LOCAL GOINGS ON

Highlands v Ruffly Cricket Report

The annual Highlands v Ruffly cricket match was played on Sat 16th Feb at Hume & Hovell ground Strath Creek.

Highlands had held the trophy for 3 years and never been seriously challenged in that time. However this year the rules were tightened regarding the "ringing-in" of players and this revealed Highlands' fundamental weakness..... they have no local bowlers.

There was a steady procession of Ruffly batsmen walking from the ground having made the maximum allowable score of 20+ runs, the highlights being some towering sixes plundered by the Ruffly-bred youngsters Harry Sleigh & Rory Mitchell.

Admittedly, Andrew Shaw worked hard but he's lost his zip and thus presented no real danger when trundling them down off a three pace run up.

Various other "pie chuckers" were tried by the Highlands skipper James Holyman until in sheer desperation in an attempt to stem the bleeding he tossed the ball to the recently deposed captain. (Apparently it was a bloodless coup, but that is still unconfirmed). Things went from bad to worse as McKay's straight leg breaks were dispatched with ease in a bowling spell reminiscent of Bryce McGain's Australian Test debut.

Ruffly's new captain Gerry Ginnivan (he'd just happened to be the man closest to the coin toss) completely outfoxed the Highlanders with his astute use of Ruffly's bowlers, not to mention his own entirely accidental misfielding while substituting for the opposition. The final result is rumoured to be that Ruffly won by 30 runs with two overs to spare, but the scorebook's gone missing....again.

There was consternation at the lunch break when the CFA pagers signalled a fire at Caveat, with 8 Highlands/Caveat Brigade members among the players. Shawy and Slugger did some quick phone work and everyone relaxed when it was learnt that Ruffly's Brigade was covering the incident.

The trophy handover was graciously made by James Holyman and gratefully accepted by Gerry Ginnivan AC.



ruffly produce store

* Labour Day Weekend –Music

Sunday March 10th from 4.30pm kick back in the garden with the "Hairy Lassos", antipasti, jugs of sangria and a long sunset ...perfect

*The sensational kitchen bench is in and **Cooking Classes** will start on 23rd March with Mor Saykao and a Thai class. \$120 includes dinner only 8 places available, so book early
Contact Helen 5790 4387

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP'S IRISH NIGHT

The Irish Night held Saturday Feb 16th certainly proved that there was a desire for this type of event.

It was a hugely successful night with families from everywhere, including many young children.

People caught up with old friends, we welcomed new people into the district, (there were at least 2 just arrived families attending) and of course we had fun trying out some great Irish Dances and Jigs. (This writer actually had a fair bit of trouble with the jigs!).

The night fulfilled the objectives of meeting new and old acquaintances, having fun and enjoying a good family night.

Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation and organising— many hands really do make light work!

By Justus Hagen

On the bus trip home at around 9:30pm the driver had a heart-stopping moment when, with a rowdy busload of cricketers who were full of beer & bad manners, the bus was forced to stop at a Caveat roadblock by a vehicle displaying flashing blue & red lights. This turned out to be the prank of the decade delivered by John McMaster on his fellow Highlands/Caveat Brigade members. There was universal agreement that this was a mighty effort by John & his partners in crime, and the extra bonus was that they quietened Fred Haig down for a minute or two by turning the hose on him.

From an Anonymous Correspondent



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CLEARING SALE – TERIP TERIP

**Sunday March 17th
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For full list of Sale Items

Contact Helen McKenzie 5790 4211
or kendaleestables@hotmail.com

Highlands Community Clearing Sale

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

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Meagan Callander 5796 9208

READERS' WRITES

"Please let Scott know I am joining his movement against signs. I sometimes wonder if council bureaucrats invent the need for many projects to keep themselves employed!" Michael Greer

"Scott, I loved your rational rant in the Granite News. Fully agree with you on excessive signage. Notice it in Melbourne a lot, and always think if you read them all you could probably lose concentration on what you are doing - trying to drive a car safely! Hope you attract a lot of comment from your words and pictures."

Michel Summons

"More good reading in the just released GN's!. All the best." Martin O'Brien

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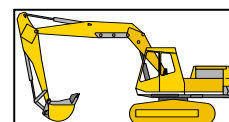
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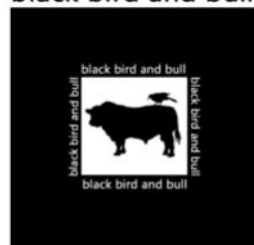
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