



LOCAL GOINGS ON

SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEP DOG TRIALS

The 48th Seymour Working Sheep Dog Trials will be held on Easter weekend. Triallers come from around Victoria and interstate to compete. Sheep are loaned by generous local farmers and 5 levels of competition are run
Farmers— Encourage— Novice— Improvers— Open



Three sheep are used for each competitor

The dog must bring the sheep in a straight line to the worker in a 9 metre corridor, around the casting peg in an anti-clockwise direction. The dog must then take the sheep to the first obstacle the Gap, then to the Race, Bridge and finally the Pen.

The course is completed when the sheep are in the Pen and the gate is shut. The worker has from 12-15 minutes to complete the course.

Workers may control the dog by word of mouth, whistle or approved stick, but must not help in any other way. The dog is disqualified if it crosses between the worker and the sheep during the trial.

The dog's temperament, intelligence and casting ability are important factors for the judge to consider in determining a score.

The Seymour Sheepdog Trials will be held from Thur March 28th-Sat March 30th at Kings Park, Tallarook Street, Seymour. Commencing at 8 am daily.

Morning Tea and Lunch will be available.

Contact **Diann Schrapel 5792 1089** or schrapel1@activ8.net.au

Last week I had the pleasure of opening the HiArts Exhibition at Highlands.

It was the 10th anniversary show and the standard of paintings and sculptures on display demonstrated how far the show has progressed.

The expanded craft activities over the weekend further enhanced the breadth of artistic endeavours that have become a feature of this unique event. It is a credit to the work of a vibrant committee and supporting community and provides another great advertisement for the Murrindindi shire.

I congratulate all involved and look forward to the next 10 exhibitions.

Councillor John Walsh—Mayor, Shire of Murrindindi

This year the art exhibition will go down as one of, if not our most successful.

For once the weather was almost perfect.

It was truly a celebration for all the generous work put in by our team of volunteers. Not only were they indispensable during the days setting up and dismantling but also during the weekend serving food and welcoming visitors. Our thanks go to all of them and the Committee who made it all such a marvellous weekend.

Stuart and Judy Reid



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READERS' WRITES

* "Thank you to the kind bike rider who back tracked for mobile reception to call and let us know our dog "Bella" was wandering on Highlands Rd. Greatly appreciated."

Candi and Vitto, Rocky Passes

* "How sad that such a significant tree as the Silver Banksia at Ruffy has given up the ghost! Some years ago there were only 4 other natural occurrences of Banksia Marginata that I knew of on the Tablelands. They were

- 1) Near Dropmore
- 2) In a paddock adjoining Old Saleyard Lane
- 3) In a paddock adjoining Lade Road
- 4) An amazing group at the Bottom Falls on Stoney Creek. These were from young to old plants, which was exciting to see.

The Highland Ramblers ventured to this almost inaccessible area some years ago, and again last year. The place is so steep that you have to slide on your bottom to get there, and crawl on your hands and knees to get out! Fortunately, seed was collected and the happy progeny are growing well on the roadside opposite Greg Young's gate (just past Highlands hall heading towards Caveat, on RHS of the road.) Nos (2) and (3) above are now no more, so old age catches up with us all eventually." **Peg Lade**



The Stoney Creek Banksia




COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR - MARCH 2013



**CFA ROSTERS
W/C Mar 10th**

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe..... Driver: David Freeman Assistant: Ralph Provan
- Ruffy 4th Lieutenant Matt Ulstrup's Team
- Terip Terip..... 1st Lieutenant Ed Greenwood's Team

Monday 11th March 9am-2pm	LABOUR DAY BUSH MARKET Goulburn Park Seymour Carnival Activities, Music & Dance, Food and Drink, Books, Clothes, Plants, Bric a Brac, Hardware & More. Also The Great Duck Race. Cost is \$2 entry, Kids Under 16 Free Contact Betty 5796 9295
Saturday 16th March 9am-1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa <i>"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"</i> A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au
Saturday 16th 8:00pm & Sunday 17th March 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "Life of Pi" 127 mins (PG) Adventure/ Drama **** 4 stars A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. Pi embraces all religions with equal enthusiasm but it is when his parents decide to re-locate to Canada by ship with animals from their private zoo, and a violent storm sinks the boat that the adventures really begin. The movie everyone is taking about. <i>We are not screening this in 3D, but it will still entertain.</i>
Sunday 17th March 10:30am	TERIP TERIP CLEARING SALE Top Road, Terip Terip Follow the Landmark Signs Farm Machinery, Collectibles, Antiques & Other Furniture, Antique Farm & General Items, Household Goods, Something for Everyone. Sale conducted by Landmark Embling-Alexandra. Usual Sale Conditions Apply. Contact Helen McKenzie 5790 4211
Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March Before & After School	BOOK FAIR at HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Highlands Rd., Highlands The Book Fair will be open before and after school on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th for browsing and pur- chases. Families and friends are invited to a morning tea on Monday 18th at 11am to have a look at the books. For further information Contact Di or Meagan at HPS 5796 9208
Monday 18th March 8:00pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE @RUFFY Old Ruffy School, Nolans Rd Monthly Meeting. All Welcome. Contact John Furlanetto 5795 3435
	MARCH is RED CROSS CALLING MONTH Olga and Jan will not be door knocking this year. Your donations can be made at the Ruffy Store or the Tablelands Community Centre (old Ruffy School) If a receipt is required please leave your name and address and a receipt will be forwarded to you. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. <i>Thanks for your continued support, from Olga and Jan</i>
Saturday 23rd March 4:00pm	RUFFY PRODUCE STORE COOKING CLASS Nolans Road, Ruffy Mor Saykao will hold the first of the new series of cooking classes. This class is Thai cuisine. Cost is \$120 which includes dinner. Limited places so book early. Contact Helen 5790 4387 or store@ruffy.com.au
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
Thursday 28th March 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
Thursday 28th March to Saturday 30th 8:00am Daily	SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEPDOG TRIALS Kings Park, Tallarook St. Seymour The iconic sheepdog trials are on again this year and everybody, young & old is welcome to come and watch the wide range of working sheepdogs. This is a wonderful family event and catering is available. Contact Diann Shrapel 5792 1089 or Email schrapel1@activ8.net.au
Friday 29th March 12:30pm	RUFFY CFA GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH Ruffy Fire Shed or Ruffy Hall (Depending on the Weather) Fish & Chips with Salad Lunch to coincide with the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Adults \$15:00 Children \$5 Soft Drinks Available Contact Sally 0407 904335
Friday 29th March 6:00pm	ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. Contact 5796 9366 or Email contact@rockypasses.com.au

Classifieds & Community Notices

TREE GUARD SELECTION for THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES

With over 40 types of tree guard and 1,500 combinations of guard, stake and weed mat there are many options for Tree Guards commercially available. For frost and wind prone areas such as the Strathbogies Ranges, it may also be useful to use an anti-transpirant spray on your plants.

This prevents stress in summer months and frost set in winter.

Every site has its own environmental idiosyncrasies that need to be considered as part of your next planting project.

Although at times it may seem that changing the way you undertake a project may seem inconvenient, it may just improve the overall outcome of the project.

Top 5 things to consider about your tree guard.

1. Do you need the guard to provide a micro-climate for plant establishment?
2. Is there a significant impact from browsing on your site?
3. Is your site impacted by prevailing winds and or frosts?
4. Do you have the capacity to re-visit the site for guard removal?
5. Is your site in an environmentally sensitive area?

45cm Heavy Duty plastic mesh guard

This guard is used in high wind areas to ensure the plant learns to set appropriate roots for prevailing windy conditions. At times if a seedling is in a protected position for an extended period it may not deal with surrounding conditions once a guard is removed. It can also be used in riparian or other areas with differing water levels as water will flow through the guard.



Tree guard sleeve, with wire frame or 3 Hardwood Stakes

Has a moderate level of protection from browsers. The frame is suitable for multiple uses (over 5 years in the field) if maintained.

The tree guard sleeve is useable in the field for up to 5 years.

This kit is very easy to set up.

It provides a micro climate for seedlings along with wind and frost protection.

45cm Core flute tree guard, with 2 Hardwood Stakes

Moderate level of protection from browsers.

Core flute guards will last 5+ years in the field if removed properly and in a timely manner.

This kit is popular as it is very easy and fast to set up.

It provides a great micro climate for seedlings alongside wind and frost protection. Has a very good look and can be re-used



HCCC Landcare will place a bulk order for hardwood stakes, weed mats, fertilizer tablets and guards this coming tree planting season

These will be available for purchase at wholesale prices from the Landcare Office at the Tablelands Community Centre (old Ruffy School).

Contact Janet or Simone if you wish to place an order.

The information in this article was supplied by Dale Tunstall from SureGro following a recent meeting with Janet Hagen from HCCC Landcare.

DPI - STEEP HILLS FENCING PROJECT

The DPI is running a project that offers landholders a subsidy to build land-class fences (topography, soil type, remnant vegetation, internal paddock fencing; not riparian) in steep and difficult terrain i.e. where it's hard/expensive to build a fence (major criterion).

The subsidy is \$4 per metre cash, reimbursed once the fence is built.

Fences must be stock proof and meet typical minimum CMA standards (e.g. 6 plain wires, or 2 plain and ringlock; discourage use of barb wire - negotiable).

Landholders can register with Greg Bekker who is managing the project.

He'll do a study to prioritise sites and if it looks OK, he'll arrange a site visit and start the management plan/agreement process.

All the current grant money needs to be expended by end-June 2013

Contact: Greg Bekker DPI Benalla, 5761 1631 or 0417 340236

greg.bekker@dpi.vic.gov.au

Information from Bertram Lobert

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Your event may be able to be listed in the May 2013 to October 2013 Calendar of Events brochure.

The brochure is distributed to all Visitor Information Centres within Murrindindi Shire, surrounding regions and Federation Square.

Application forms are available from

www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/events

Or Council offices at Alexandra & Yea

Contact Kat James 5772 0341
kjames@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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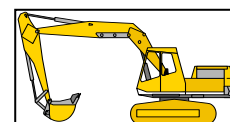
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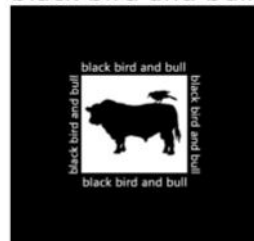
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