



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Welcome and bienvenue to Canada. Aaah yes Canada the home of the maple leaf, the beaver, the moose and the bear - all of which we hope to see. Not to mention the incredibly polite Canadian people and here I am reminded of the two chipmunks from the Bugs Bunny Show, "After you..." "No, no I couldn't possibly, after you..." However at the moment western Canada is ablaze as there are 600 individual bushfires burning in British Columbia and Alberta. The magnificent mountain landscape is shrouded in a blanket of smoke, a legacy of the summer. About half were lightning strikes and the rest man-made stupidity. Let's hope that such senseless and ignorant destruction is not a feature of our summer this year too. For anyone who might be interested in geography, we landed in Vancouver and a VIA Rail train will take us most of the way across this huge country, up, over and through the Rockies and then across the vast expanse of prairies and the plains of Saskatchewan and Manitoba to Toronto. Apparently the land is so flat here that the joke goes farmers can see their dogs running away for 3 days! Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** - was hiding in the wattle, obviously totally confused.

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"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness."

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
August	92.1 mm	88.5 mm
2018 Total	428 mm	379.5 mm
August Rain Days	21 Days	10 Days

FOX on the RUN RESULTS 2018 - and the WINNERS are!

Congratulations to Shaun Green - 45 tails = \$135 (\$3 per tail)

Darren Metcalf - 50 tails = \$150

****Winner**** Deegan Noye - 56 tails = \$168



A presentation night, for this excellent result, will occur at the Ruffy Store on Friday 19th October in conjunction with the HCCC's AGM and dinner as well. The presentation will occur at 7.30pm. Please RSVP to Justus 57904268 if you would like to attend.

It's a GIRL!!!

For those of you who know Kristy Adams, or have her experienced massage therapy, you will no doubt be delighted to know that she has become a mum to a beautiful little girl. Charlotte Lesley Vidler arrived in this world on Tuesday 21st August at 5:30am. Weight 3.175kg.

Both mum and bub are doing well.






Congratulations to all !!



Please note: Thursday evening is the deadline for inclusion in the following week's TGN although this will depend on space and time constraints—thanks

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — September & October 2018

 <p>Wednesday 5th Sept. @ 7pm</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM All welcome!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">New date!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">at Terip Rec Reserve Enquiries? Sue Martin 57904277</p>
<p>Friday 7th September @ 6.30pm & 7.30pm</p>	<p>DANCE HALL—the Shindig of the Year Dinner & Show tickets now available for this amazing night of entertainment. See separate attachment in this week's TGN email for further details.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Yarck Community Hall</p>
 <p>Monday 10th Sept. @ 11 am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2018 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
 <p>Friday 14th September @ 6.30 pm</p>	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK Starts at 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Highlands Community Hall 57969247 & Contact Judy</p>
 <p>Saturday 22nd Sept. @ 12 - 2</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Candi 57969366</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd Sept.</p>	<p>43rd VICTORIAN ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS Covering some excellent terrain in the Bogies - see article on from last week's TGN. Why not be in it?!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">in the Strathbogie Ranges</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd September @ 2pm</p> <p>RuffArtz</p>	<p>RuffArtz "Sensational Sundays Matinee" Ship: The Journey of Ticonderoga 1852 Portsea, Victoria: a true story of tragedy, heroism and hope – a one-man show, written and performed by Michael Veitch. Tickets \$25, includes afternoon tea. Please book early to ensure your seat.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Ruffly Community Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bookings: Christine 0419 561 386 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 27th Sept. @ 7pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Caveat Church</p>
 <p>Sunday 30th Sept. @ 10.30</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS Our next walk will commence at 10.30 from the Highlands Hall - more details to come....stay tuned.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? Andrew 0427 969297 or ajshaw577@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th October 10 - 4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO Darren's studio, with his stunning, creative works is now open to the public on the first weekend each month. Quality art in the local community and not too far to travel to enjoy it.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</p>
<p>Saturday 13th October 6 & 8pm</p>	<p>Dr HERNANDEZ An eclectic collection of musical styles - TexMex, Afrobeat, Film music, Ska, Funky & Cuban - is the hallmark of Dr Hernandez. Come along and enjoy the music or the music and munchies as well. Small plates served at 6pm, show starts at 8pm. Drinks at bar prices. Tickets are \$30 & \$25 (Conc.) Bookings essential.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Ruffly Store</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? Christine 0419 561386</p>
<p>Friday 19th October 6pm—HCCC meeting 7.30pm—Fox on the Run presentations</p>	<p>HCCC Meeting / AGM & FOX on the RUN presentation night The HCCC Monthly meeting and the AGM will be held prior to the Fox on the Run presentations. All welcome.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Ruffly Store</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries & RSVPS - contact Justus 5790 4268</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - Sept 12th & 26th Oct 10th & 24th Nov 7th & 21st and Dec 5th & 19th</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Don't forget the cake and coffee a \$4 bargain</p>
<p>Every Monday 10 am</p>	<p>YOGA AT RUFFY Yoga with Kylie Penny is in full swing. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$15 per class. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffly</p>



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An early start to the Fire Season



The Country Fire Authority (CFA) has announced an early start to the bushfire season in Victoria due to record-breaking low rainfall. According to CFA, current climate outlooks produced by the Bureau of Meteorology indicate warmer and drier conditions, which will worsen the current state of dryness in spring and early summer. CFA is talking about bringing restrictions in as early as September and is urging the public to start preparing for the bushfire season now. Regionally, the CFA is predicting the West, South and East Gippsland, East metro and Hume regions as most likely to experience an above average bushfire season. Landowners and residents are urged to start preparing to ensure their land is as safe as possible. Properties within townships, or less than 2.6Ha, must remove all flammable rubbish from their yards and ensure grass and weeds are kept cut to a height of no more than 100mm. Properties greater than 2.6Ha must slash around all buildings to a minimum distance of 20 metres. Property boundaries must be slashed to a width of 6 metres. When neighbouring dwellings and assets are nearby this must be increased to at least 20 metres. If owners and occupiers fail to keep a fire safe environment, a Fire Prevention Notice will be issued by local councils. It is a requirement for the owner or occupier to follow the requests in the Fire Prevention Notice throughout the entire fire season, not just at the time the notice is received. Here are some handy tips to help you prepare your property to reduce the likelihood and impact of fires:

- Grass and weeds should be kept under 10cm in height
 - Remove flammable material in yards, on decks or near neighbouring fences
 - If there is rural land abutting urban housing a minimum twenty metre fire break must be maintained between the land and the neighbouring property
 - Keep gutters clear of leaves
 - Prune low hanging branches from trees and shrubs
 - Do not have large shrubs next to or under windows
 - Store woodpiles and flammable liquids away from the house
- For more information and advice about fire safety, please visit the Country Fire Authority's website www.cfa.vic.gov.au. To receive information about fire events in your region, download the VicEmergency app on your mobile or device, which is also available on the CFA website.

Grants available for landholders along Hughes and Seven Creeks

Increased financial support is available for landholders along Hughes Creek and Seven Creeks to help control stream-side stock grazing.

The creeks contain important populations of nationally threatened Macquarie perch. Seven Creeks also contains a self-sustaining population of trout cod in a section between Polly McQuinn's Reservoir and Galls Gap Road.

"We have increased financial incentives for fencing on these waterways to make it easier for landholders to do the work required to manage stream-side frontages on their properties to improve native fish habitat and water quality," Goulburn Broken CMA Riparian and River Channel Manager Jim Castles said.

"We can also discuss options for an alternative water source for stock to make it easier for landholders on these waterways to manage their properties. We understand that access to water for stock is important, and we are keen to discuss options with landholders to guarantee a reliable source of water. A secure water supply is particularly important as we face what is shaping up to be a dry year. It is also important that we work with landholders to protect these important native fish populations to give them every chance of surviving in these creeks."

The Goulburn Broken CMA has been working with local landholders, community and fishing groups along the Seven and Hughes Creeks for many years to improve and protect stream-side and in-stream habitat for native fish.

"Hughes and Seven Creeks are unregulated streams and have both experienced low or no-flows in parts over recent years, which puts massive pressure on the native fish populations they contain. We really need to increase work on these waterways to protect native fish and the support of adjoining landholders is absolutely critical in achieving this."

The Seven Creeks and Hughes Creek are priority streams in the Goulburn Broken catchment and they are currently being targeted through the Victorian Government-funded Strathbogie Streams Flagship Waterways program. In-stream and stream-side (riparian) habitat improvement works are funded through the \$222 million Water for Victoria initiative.

If you have a property adjoining the Seven Creeks or Hughes Creek, and you would like a no obligation visit from a Goulburn Broken CMA River Health Officer to discuss the management of these waterways, please call the Goulburn Broken CMA on 5822 7700.



These local bridges will be CLOSED to all traffic during the start date to finish date period. **NB: Note the NEW dates!**

Start Date	Finish Date	Road / Bridge
Tue 11/9/18	Fri 28/9/18	Oak Valley Rd Longwood
Mon 17/9/18	Fri 5/10/18	Grimwade Rd Longwood

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