



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Home is where the hearth is - Hello World! However, although it is good to be home in Highlands again, there is one more story from Canada that is worthy of note. Between last week's and this week's edition of TGN I discovered Alexander Graham Bell - well not personally, as he has been dead since 1922 - but his achievements. I had thought that inventing the telephone was his big claim to fame, but it turns out that he was a polymath with an incredible range of ideas and inventions to his credit. Such as designing hover-crafts, an early metal detector and the hearing audiometer over a 40 year time span from 1876 To 1919. He is also credited with assisting Helen Keller to speak, as he had an extraordinary and vested interest in helping the deaf to talk because both his mother and wife were deaf. Born in Scotland the family moved to Ontario after both his brothers had died of TB and from there he moved to Boston to work in deaf education. One of Alec's students was a 15 year old girl Mabel Hubbard (there was 10 years difference in age between them) and when she turned 18 she was given permission to marry him, which they did when she was just 19. She was just as passionate and erudite as her husband in her own areas of expertise, which included education. In 1888 they bought land & built a large house at Baddeck on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia and, as Mabel put it, "...far enough from fashionable centres to put our little girls in trousers and live a simple, free and unconventional life." They tried to make their land self-sufficient growing food and raising livestock, but Bell was much more than a "gentleman farmer" as he created a crematory for sanitary disposal, discussed the idea of obtaining power from the sun's heat and used hydro-electric power to produce electricity on their estate. He also designed and built solar stills to turn salt water from the Bras d'Or (lake) into potable water. Over 32 years he assisted his neighbours to improve the genetic breeding of their sheep so that twin lambs became the viable economic norm. Then in 1914 Bell used the term "Greenhouse Effect" for the first time to describe the heating of the Earth due to foreign particles in the upper atmosphere and in 1921 spoke of the importance of turning attention to substitutes for coal and oil to provide energy! I was most impressed. And here we are in 2018, over 100 years later, and can only reflect upon the far-sighted vision of this amazing man and wonder why it is taking so long for his accurate, scientific observations to become a reality.

Until next week, **Pauline**

And **Kenny?** - was out and about discovering the Pinniger Cairn.



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Highlands-Caveat CFA Pre-Season Meeting, Training & BBQ lunch

The HCRFB Pre-season Meeting is to be held on **Sunday 21st October**, 11am @ Highlands Fire Shed followed by a BBQ lunch at 12 noon. All community members are welcome. Prior to the meeting there will be compulsory training, including burn over drill and tree hazard awareness. All active crew members should attend. This will commence at 9.30am @ Highlands Fire Shed. Any members with private units, please bring them along so they can be checked over then. Thanks.



Community Notices & Classifieds

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

<p>Wednesdays 17th/24th & 31st Oct. @ 7:30 SHARP!</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASSES with Ray Thomas at Ruffy Community Hall</p> <p>If you like the Big Band music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, etc then these classes will be for YOU! For 6 Wednesdays commencing 26/9 from 7.30 sharp to 9.00pm, just \$50 for 6 classes. Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</p>
<p>Friday 19th October 6pm—HCCC AGM NEW DATE..... Friday 16th November!!</p>	<p>HCCC Meeting / AGM & FOX on the RUN presentation night at Tablelands Comm. Centre</p> <p>The HCCC Monthly meeting and the Fox on the Run presentations. All welcome. Enquiries - contact Justus 5790 4268</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Postponed until Fri. 16/11</p>
<p>Sunday 21st October 9.30 - 12</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA - Pre-season Meeting at Highlands Fire Shed</p> <p>All brigade members are invited to attend the annual pre-season meeting, refresher training and BBQ lunch. Those members with private slip-ons please bring them along empty for testing. Further details to come. Enquiries? - Judy 57969247</p>
<p>Thursday 25th October @ 5.30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church</p> <p>All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
<p>Saturday 27th October 10 - 12</p>	<p>WEED IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP at GBCMA Yea office</p> <p>A date for your diary to find out more about Weeds of National Significance. Further details next week.</p>
<p>Saturday 27th October 10am-3.30pm</p> 	<p>EUROA ARBORETUM & TAUNGUUNG CLANS CULTURAL DAY at Euroa Arboretum</p> <p>Learn from the Taungurung traditional owners how to cook bush tucker, try your hand at weaving and go on a Bushlands "walk & talk". Admission prices are \$20 & \$10. Book early! See attachment & article for details</p>
<p>Saturday 27th October @ 12- 2 pm</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Candi 57969366</p>
<p>Sunday 28th October @ 10.30 am</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>Our next walk will commence at 10.30 from the Highlands Hall - more details to come....stay tuned. Enquiries? Andrew 0427 969297 or ajshaw577@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 28th October 11am - 2pm</p> 	<p>RUFFY CFA OPEN DAY at Ruffy Fire Shed</p> <p>Come along and meet local brigade members, free BBQ lunch & advice. Enquiries? George 0432 928301</p>
<p>Friday 2nd November 10-12</p>	<p>SPRING NATURE WALK commencing at Old Fawcett Rd, Alexandra</p> <p>Come along and join the Upper Goulburn Landcare Group on this discovery walk. RSVPs to Chris 0413 855490</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th Nov 10 - 4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</p> <p>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>Monday 5th November @ 11am NB - DATE CHANGE!!</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</p> <p>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. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th November 12 noon</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP'S Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon</p> <p>Yet another highlight on the Terip social calendar. Chicken & champagne lunch, sweepstakes, prizes!! Ticket prices \$20 per adult & \$50 per family. See attachment for more. RSVPs - Oct 28 Kerri 57904191 Jenny 57904095</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - Oct 24th Nov 7th & 21st and Dec 5th & 19th Don't forget the cake and coffee a bargain @ \$4!</p>
<p>Every Monday 10 am</p>	<p>YOGA AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</p> <p>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>



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Talk about Bon Appetit...

Last Friday 30 locals as well as 2 international visitors enjoyed Drinks on the Deck. Cheers!



Ruffy Store will be closed from 15/10—1/11 for much needed maintenance. Re-open for lunch Sat. 2/11/18.

Euroa Arboretum Spring News

Euroa Arboretum will be holding a Taungurung Clans Cultural Day on **Saturday 27th October** with a several interesting activities taking place on the day. Lunch is included in the fee and places are limited so early registration is advisable - see attachment & calendar for details or www.euroaarboretum.com.au/events With spring now in full swing the Arboretum Nursery Staff and Volunteers are preparing for the next plant season - collecting seeds, propagating cuttings. This year, the plant order form links to a website information page for every plant. What an excellent idea! Why not check it out and place an order too?



U3A VISITS HIGHLANDS SCULPTOR AND ARTIST

Submitted by TGN reader Carol Hopkins

The extraordinarily diverse talents of renown sculptor and wildlife artist, Darren Gilbert, were on display for members of Murrindindi East U3A's "Meet the Artist" group when they visited Highlands. It was hard to believe that his large, rustic metal sculptures and painstakingly detailed pen-and-ink drawings came from the same hands. Yet, Darren says he is equally at home in both mediums. Some of Darren's sculptures are constructed from galvanised iron sheets harvested from old buildings. After burning and flattening the sheets, he cuts them into small pieces and rivets the pieces together in a patchwork design which is then moulded into various shapes. This prompted one U3A member to comment that his work was rather like "quilting for blokes." His sculptures look remarkably like patchwork quilts in metal! After a tour of the outdoor sculpture display, the group moved into his studio to watch him working on one of his drawings of Australian wildlife. Darren explained how he builds up his intricate images with a multitude of tiny dots and cross-hatchings using fine pens and black ink. It is painstaking work and some of his drawings can take as long as fifty hours to complete but the results are astonishingly beautiful. The morning ended with morning tea under the verandah of Darren and his wife, Marie's, house looking across the stunning surrounds of the Strathbogie Ranges.



To find out more about Murrindindi East U3A's "Meet the Artist" program, pick up a brochure from the Alexandra Library or the Alex Visitor Information Centre, check out their FB page or visit their website at murrindindieastu3a.org.au 2019 brochures will be out by the end of October.

The time has come to think about the annual Australia Day Awards...

Every year, about now, our 3 local Shires—Mitchell, Murrindindi & Strathbogie call for nominations for the annual Australia Day Citizenship Awards and this year is no different. Whilst each Shire has slightly different categories all of them recognise the valuable work that individuals and groups do in their local communities. Wouldn't it be great if someone, or two or three people from the Tablelands were nominated for these awards? We all know people in our neighbourhoods who consistently put in, put out or are just great community members. Why not nominate them in 2018? Further details can be found on each of the Shire's websites. *** Nominations close 16th November ***

Mitchell - Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year Community Event of the Year Community Group of the Year
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Murrindindi - Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year Senior Citizen of the Year

Strathbogie - Community Organisation of the Year Community Event of the Year (event occurred after 27/01/2018)

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