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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

to a new year – 2018, a new volume of The Granite News - #12 and a new editor – me, Pauline Roberts.

I'd like to thank both Don Cook and Miranda Yorston for their excellent editorial skills and most capable stewardship of this fantastic community newsletter over the last 11 years. I hope that I can continue to edit with the same élan and accuracy during my own editorial tenure, as they have left big boots to fill.

Of course an editor, by definition, edits and collates articles, ads and announcements rather than writes them from scratch, although I do believe that skill can be required, in this position, at times too. However for TGN to be truly representative of and informative for ALL the communities it serves I'd like to invite all of you – the TGN community members – to submit letters to the editor, articles about current events or stories about the local area for our readership to enjoy.

Every week over 550 households receive TGN by email with hard copies left at 5 locations throughout the area – I suspect there's an awful lot of talent hiding down the far end of wombat holes, or at the base of our granite tors or along dusty, country roads. Please do not be shy. Take up your pens or tap away at your keyboards and share your jottings with the rest of us. Send them to editor@tgn.org.au by each Thursday evening for publication in the following week's newsletter.

Finally, between the last Granite News of 2017 and this one Foxy, of Finding Foxy fame, leapt off the page and was last seen streaking across the paddocks and revelling in his new-found freedom. However as his contribution to TGN has proved so popular the concept will continue.

Meet Kenny Koala!

Although he looks like he's still coming up from an excellent New Year's Eve party, as of the next issue, he will shrink and hide within these 4 pages, just like Foxy and I would be delighted to hear from those who find him each week.

Until next issue, stay cool and fire safe,

Pauline

And the final Foxy I hear you cry....was RV Foxy—vrooom!



READERS WRITE

Dear Editor,

As a newly departed 'Tablelander', I would like to thank Don Cook for his years as TGN Editor. Don's commitment to reporting so many local events & stories of Tableland folk was outstanding & continued the high standard of this regular newsletter. It kept us informed of events both social, humorous and educational, of profiles of many local folk, a great useful opinion forum and swap/buy facility. Thanks Don for your time, commitment, and efforts with TGN.

Welcome & best wishes to Pauline as the new Editor.

Jill Davidson

Dear Editor,

Verena and I would like to take this occasion to thank Don for the great service he has given to the Tablelands' community over recent years in his role as Editor of The Granite News. He has managed to combine the important community information with interesting stories about events and people, written in an engaging and entertaining way. His retirement from this demanding role is well earned, and we are sure there will be other interesting activities to fill the space. It would be great if his writing talents could find other outlets!

Erwin and Verena Weinmann - Ruffy



Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.au

In the long term the economy and the environment are the same thing. If is unenviromental it is uneconomical.

Mollie Beattie (first woman to head the US Fish & Wildlife Service)

The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community.

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
December	200 mm	187.5 mm
2017Total	816.5mm	862 mm
December Rain Days	8 Days	7 Days

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — January & February 2018



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**Sunday 4th
February
11 am**

CFA Workshop for all Tablelands Fire Brigades @ Ruffy Community Centre
all Tablelands CFA brigades and local residents are invited to attend this workshop. A guest speaker will present **"Preparing your bushfire plan and other fire safety matters"**
Sunday Feb 4th, 11am - 12.30pm Enquiries? - Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450 **All Welcome**

**Wednesday 7th
February
7.45 pm**

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (RCAG) MEETING

Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy—all welcome, come along and contribute to your community. Enquiries? - Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450

**Friday 9th
February
6.30 pm**

DRINKS ON THE DECK

at Highlands Community Hall

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.

Contact Judy 5796 9247

**Monday 12th
February
11 am**

Highlands Spinning Club

After a holiday break the Highlands Spinning Club will resume for their first 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 57904361



**Saturday 17th
February
2-4 pm**

Come along and have a Tealy Good Time !

February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to assist OC research a fundraising afternoon tea(l) will be held at the Y Water Discovery Centre in Yea from 2-4pm. Great food, live music and the chance to purchase some excellent auction items ensure a fun afternoon for a good cause. **RSVP for catering by Feb. 12th to Pauline 0427 529551**

**Last Friday of
the month**

MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams

will be visiting the Ruffy Community Centre once a month for remedial massage sessions commencing on **Friday 23rd February**. Treatments commence at 10am. For further details and to book a session contact Kristy on 0409 999957.

**Saturday 24th
February
7.30 for 8pm
start**



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CFA ROSTERS

Highlands/Caveat Radio Sched & Drive—Callum Lawson & Jo Welch—Sun 28/2 @ 8.15am

Youth of Strathbogie strut their stuff at Showcase

Evolve Youth Committee finished the year with a bang, celebrating their annual Showcase Event on Wednesday 13 December. The Showcase was an opportunity for the group to present to Council and the local community about their achievements for the year.

Mayor Amanda McClaren and Councillor Deb Swan were in attendance, as well as a number of partnership representatives, family, friends and members of the public. Mayor Amanda McClaren presented a certificate of appreciation to each committee member in acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication to the Shire's youth and community.

"I am always so impressed with the amazing things that our youth are doing," she said. "Our young people are the future of our communities and it is great to see this committee networking, developing new skills and getting involved in community events," Cr McClaren said.

The Committee are always looking for new members and welcome anyone aged 12 to 25 years who live, work or study in the shire to join the group. The first meeting for 2018 will be held on Monday 5 February at 4.30pm at the Evolve Building at Council Offices in Bury Street, Euroa. If you would like to enquire about Evolve, please contact Milla Morris at Council on 5795 0000 or email info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.



With summer hotting up one local council offers timely reminder...

Murrindindi

With the hot summer months upon us, Murrindindi Shire Council is urging all residents to review their bushfire prevention and preparation plans.



"At its final meeting in December 2017, Council reviewed its Policy which guides the services Council will offer on Code Red days," said Cr McAulay. "This policy aims to ensure our staff, volunteers and members of the public are not exposed to undue risk on Code Red Days if they're conducting Council business or accessing our services.

"If a Code Red Day is announced, the CFA will urge people to enact their Bushfire Survival Plans and leave areas of high bushfire risk, either the night before, or early in the morning.

"Council is likely to operate with altered or reduced service levels if a Code Red Day is declared. We are talking about very dangerous weather conditions that pose extreme risk to life and property should a fire start," she said.

Code Red days are generally confirmed by BOM before and may be predicted up to four days in advance.

In the event of a Code Red Day being declared, Council will update information regarding any changes to service on its website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au and on its FB

Highlands to join the 21stC communication revolution soon.....

Murrindindi Shire residents are starting to see the results of Council's advocacy for improved mobile phone service coverage in local "black spot" areas. "Council has advocated very strongly for these improvements over the past few years, together with the Federal Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan," said Mayor Charlie Bisset. "We're looking forward to the Yea and Killingworth towers being operational in the first quarter of the

The Shelter Shed Shop @ Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy ** Bric a Brac & Book Exchange**

Open weekends and Public holidays Sellers and volunteers most welcome with profits supporting the Tablelands Community Centre . If you are able to assist with staffing , for up to 4 hours , on a weekend please contact Fiona [0427 690 970](tel:0427690970) or Felicity [0413 483 450](tel:0413483450)

65th Jayco Herald Sun Tour is coming to a place near you!

Murrindindi Shire Council is urging residents to be prepared for changed road conditions during the iconic Australian cycling competition, the 65th Jayco Herald Sun Tour, which will travel through our Shire over two of its four stages.

Murrindindi Shire Council's Mayor Charlie Bisset said planning is well underway as the Shire gets ready to welcome hundreds of elite local and international riders and the thousands of spectators these events bring to our region.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be hosting two stages of this event and we want our residents to have plenty of time to prepare for the changed road conditions, enabling them to plan ahead and factor them in to their own travel plans," Cr Bisset said.

"Temporary changes to traffic conditions and vehicle access will be in place on Saturday 3 February in the Highlands, Dropmore, Caveat and Ruffy areas to ensure the cyclists', spectators' and our residents' safety," Cr Bisset said.

On Saturday 3 February Victoria Police will be managing rolling road closures, stopping traffic as the race passes along the Seymour-Highlands Rd, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Springs Rd, Top Rd and the Yarck Rd. It is expected that cyclists will arrive about 1pm on the roads listed above and the roads will be closed for approximately 30 mins. So plan your egress accordingly.



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