



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well I'm back at the keyboard and as a result another issue of TGN is now winging its way to 570+ readers, jam-packed with a heap more dates for your diaries and, I hope, informative and entertaining articles. With a break of 2 weeks there's a lot to fit in but here's a tip, if you are intending to enjoy the spit roast at Saturday night's fundraiser best to RSVP ASAP. Bon appetit! **Pauline**

And Kenny? — fraternising with another feral, but this one delivers chocolate!

Rambling, a little further afield... to the Tallarook Ranges

On Sunday 25th March 15 people joined Andrew Shaw on a walk through the Tallarook State Forest. It was a perfect day for a walk after much needed rain. We began with a stop at the Warrigal Rocks with a wonderful, though hazy, view of the Goulburn River winding its way through the Trawool Valley. Wending our way down hill past the old granite quarry Howard Mitchell explained how the huge blocks of granite were split. We then walked on down to the Tallarook Weir where we stopped for lunch and marvelled at the huge square blocks of granite which made up the walls of the weir. We ended up down at the Goulburn Valley Highway where we were ferried back to our cars after a great walk. Thank you Andrew.

The next Highlands Ramblers Walk will be on 29th April. More information to come, or contact Judy Reid on 5796 9358 Photos taken by Ann Tregear



Trawool Valley
from Warrigal
Rocks



Trawool Weir
a top lunch spot

HCCC News

Congratulations to Neil van Buuren for being appointed the HCCC's Pest Plant and Animal Facilitator. More about Neil in next week's issue of TGN.

ANZAC Day @ Terip Terip

This year's service will commence at 11.30am, where there will be a special tribute to Simpson and the Donkey - with a real life donkey in attendance.

Following on, the Terip Community will be planting a Lone Pine and unveiling a plaque in memory of the men and women from the district who have served in war. It would be a nice gesture to have as many residents from the community, as well as descendants of those on the Terip Roll of Honour boards, in attendance for the unveiling. **Please feel free to spread the word.**

A BBQ Lunch and the annual ANZAC biscuit bake off will finish the day. Please RSVP ASAP and let us know if you will be bringing a sweet or salad to share.

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



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"Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

Mark Twain - US Author & Humourist

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. We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in **The Granite News**

SELL IT—BUY IT

CLEARANCE SALE

Highlands Community Hall Fund Raiser to be held on the Highlands Primary School Site **Sunday 20th May 2018** commencing 10.00am

Items for sale may include - Farm Equipment; Household items; Furniture; Recreational items and general bric-a-brac.

Food & soft drink will be available. Contact Judy Cameron with list of items to be sold on 5796 9247 or jcameron029@gmail.com More details to follow.

Accommodation WANTED to RENT...

Small house or cottage (disused farm worker house?), in the Ruffy area. Happy to do care-taking or some live-ability-maintenance if needed. Local references available. Call Paul 0417 148 928.



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
March	4 mm	Not much
2018 Total	96.2 mm	mm
February Rain Days	4 Days	Days

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR — April & May 2018

Daily until 29 April 10~4	DENNIS SPITERI'S NOCTURNE EXHIBITION Dennis's unique and impressive art is again on display at his stunning gallery. Come along and be inspired. 33 Old Highlands Rd, Highlands
Friday 20th April 6.45 for 7pm	MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY - Evil Angels Quality entertainment on the 3rd Friday April - Sept. For further details Maree - maree@spphav.org.au Murrindindi Council Chambers in Yea
Friday 20th April 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING The next meeting will be held at the Tablelands Community Centre, commencing @ 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries? - contact Justus 57904268
Sat 21st April 6pm onwards If U R Intending to EAT - RSVP ASAP!!	SPIT ROAST & AUCTION Fundraising event for Natania Maddock's trip to Borneo in November 2018 where she will be part of the student team from Euroa High School engaged in humanitarian and conservation projects. Tickets & enquiries Adie - 0400 020 049 Absentee bids—Kerrie - 57904042 at Ruffy Community Hall
Sat 21st April	ANYA ANASTASIA in ROGUE ROMANTIC Winner of both Adelaide & Edinburgh Fringe Awards - dinner & show or show Enquiries? Libby 0411 339041 Tallarook Mechanics Hall
Sun 22nd April Doors open @ 1.30 for 2pm start	RUFFARTZ SENSATIONAL SUNDAYS 2018 - Alyce Platt Alyce & her talented band of musicians will be mixing sultry jazz with classic folk/pop/rock. Bookings are essential - contact Chrissie 0419 561386 ruffartztickets@gmail.com Gold coin donation and please BYO a plate of food to share. More information at www.ruffartz.com.au Ruffy Community Hall
Wed 25th April ANZAC Day	TERIP TERIP - ANZAC Day Service A special planting of a Lone Pine Tree will be one of the service's highlights. RSVPs to Hayley 0408 577393
Friday 27th April 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat. at Caveat Church
Sunday 29th April	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS After a highly successful walk in March, stay tuned for further details for April. Enquiries? - Judy 57969358
Sat 5th & Sun 6th May 10-4 ~ both days	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. 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
Monday 7th May	TERIP TERIP - Community Meeting To discuss future works around the Rec Reserve. Attendance by community would be greatly appreciated. d
Monday 7th May 11am	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. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Every Monday 10 am	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 at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Last Friday of the month	MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams Kristy Adams is visiting the Ruffy Community Centre once a month for remedial massage sessions. Treatments commence at 10am. For further details, or to book a session, contact Kristy on 0409 999957. at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

Strathbogie Council—Special Council Meeting

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 1989, notice is given that Council intends, at a Special Meeting of Council to be held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 5.00pm, to put forward a resolution to reappoint Mr Steven Crawcour as Strathbogie Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer for a period of no longer than 18 Months from the completion of the current contract without the position being advertised.

If this resolution is passed by Council, it will result in the current Chief Executive Officer being reappointed without advertising the position.

The Chief Executive Officer's proposed total remuneration under the new contract will be available for public inspection within 14 days after the passing of the resolution.

Enquiries can be directed to Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Howard, on 5795 0000.



Hey there, our region now has it's own

Facebook Community Notice Board

where you can share information about local activities/events, seek knowledge & buy/swap/ sell. Feel free to utilise this electronic resource & please share it with others to max out its effectiveness for all.

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MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY

offers quality entertainment in a friendly social setting

The Society screens quality films, carefully chosen to appeal to a wide variety of tastes. The selections are old and new, local and international and the program runs from April to September, inclusive, on the third Friday of the month. Each evening starts with drinks and nibbles, followed by a digital screening of one or more features. This is followed by supper and a chance for members to discuss the night's entertainment. Membership is on a subscription basis with a once-only joining fee of \$5 and an annual subscription of \$30 single, \$45 family for the six sessions. Prospective new members are always welcome and are invited to attend a screening, free-of-charge, to see what the Society has to offer. Films screen the 3rd Friday each month from April to September in the Council Chambers at the rear of the Yea Library, 6.45 for 7pm. For further details contact Maree Lund - maree@spphav.org.au

And a BIG thank you to all of those who attended the Terip working bee over the weekend. The place is looking fabulous inside and out!!!

NOTICE of a PUBLIC MEETING with STEPH RYAN at the UPTON HILL FIRE BRIGADE from 4pm FRIDAY 20th APRIL 2018

THE AVENEL FREEWAY U TURN is a FATALITY JUST WAITING TO OCCUR

The Avenel Action Group, the Upton Hill Fire Brigade and the Burnt Creek Landcare Group have asked Steph Ryan to meet with people concerned about the safety hazards of traffic using the Avenel Roadhouse.

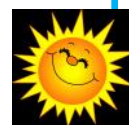
So what exactly is the problem?

- * There is no other situation, on the 850kms from Melbourne to Sydney, where traffic, including B Doubles, can access a service centre from both northbound and southbound pavements.
 - * There is no other situation where trucks entering a service centre by means of a 150m long 'slip lane' can obscure oncoming traffic which could mean a collision with a car, bus or truck crossing to use the U turn.
 - * There is no other situation where southbound traffic has to cross over northbound traffic, and perform a U turn, to access a roadhouse.
- Yet Vic Roads (28/11/2014) and the responsible Minister (14/12/2017) have emphasised that only one serious collision has occurred since the U turn was installed in 2007 - implying that we have to wait for more collisions or a fatality to occur before any action might be considered. Those involved in the school bus and mail delivery service have been invited as well as many residents and users of Upton and Tarcombe Roads. If you are at all concerned about this "accident waiting to happen" please come along to the meeting and let others know who may be interested.

Sandy McKenzie

Murrindindi Shire Council - Solar Opportunity!

Murrindindi Shire Council is excited to announce its new partnership with the Yarra Energy Foundation to deliver a community solar bulk buy program.



The Dindi Bulk Buy Program will offer Shire residents, businesses, clubs, farms, weekenders and off-grid properties access to genuine, impartial advice and discounted solar products and systems. Set to launch in May 2018, the Dindi Bulk Buy Program will run for a 12-month period.

Cr Rebecca Bowles said the Dindi Bulk Buy Program is a great opportunity for locals to find out more about their solar choices.

"We recognise there is a flood of information in the market when it comes to solar PV panels, batteries, inverters and installation options, and it can be confusing at the best of times. If you're interested in finding out more about your solar options, a series of free solar seminars will be run in Alexandra, Kinglake, Marysville and Yea. These will be an important step in helping our community make informed decisions about the systems that will work best for them. Currently an estimated 23 per cent of Murrindindi Shire dwellings have some form of solar power, but we want that to grow."

Yarra Energy Foundation will be project managing the Program which will include a hotline for Shire residents to request a quote & to access impartial solar advice on quotes received from other suppliers. For more information on the Dindi Bulk Buy contact www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or Zoe Blakeney 5772 0333.

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