



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Having spent 4 days last week in the Cradle Mountain area of Tasmania I have been reminded of the debt that we owe to 2 amazing refugees from war-torn Europe, who discovered that a picture really is worth a thousand words, and used their talents to make the wider world aware of two environmental travesties. I'm talking Lake Pedder and Olegas Truchanas and the Franklin Dam proposal and Peter Dombrovskis. Whilst their names may be unfamiliar to you, you may well recognise the photos on this page - they were icons in the fight to preserve some of the world's oldest, most pristine & magnificent wilderness in Tasmania. Now for those of you reading this who are from the "end of the alphabet" generations, X,Y & Z, as well as millennials, you may not be aware that from the late 1960s up until 1983 there was a determined and protracted fight between the Tasmanian Hydro-Electricity Commission, who wanted to dam anything that had water in it, no matter what the environmental cost, and the, for want of a better word, "Greenies". This was initially a group of dedicated conservationists and bushwalkers, who had seen some truly amazing landscapes and their ecosystems in the wilderness and wanted to preserve them for future generations. The Wilderness Society and then the Australian Greens' political party were born as a result of this struggle. The upshot of these campaigns was a 50/50 result. Lake Pedder was irrevocably "drowned" and became the largest lake in the southern hemisphere, whilst the proposal to dam the Franklin River was taken all the way to



Lake Pedder—Olegas Truchanas



Rock Island Bend, Franklin River—Peter Dombrovskis

the High Court and in a 4-3 decision it was declared that such a construction should not be allowed to happen in a designated World Heritage Area for wilderness. And Truchanas' and Dombrovskis' photos were at the centre of both these protests showing people exactly what would be lost if the HEC was allowed to continue on its merry way. Both quietly spoken men they allowed their work to speak for itself. Sadly both were lost in the environment they loved - Olegas slipped and drowned whilst canoeing in the Gordon River and Peter had a heart attack whilst out walking solo in the Western Arthur Range. However their stunning legacy of images live on to show us all what is "out there", even if we never personally get to see it for ourselves, and to remind us that, as humans, we share this planet with so many other unique and incredible living things.

Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny? — was driving the Farm Contracting hay baler.

A HUGE thank you to all the **Highlands/Caveat CFA members** who turned out to chop, split or stack firewood in preparation for Mudbash. If any other CFA members are able to assist rattling the donation buckets at various times from **Friday 8th - Sunday 10th June** please contact **Les Lawson 57969265**



Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
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"Wilderness should exist for its own sake, for that and no other reason."

Peter Dombrovskis (1945 - 1996)
Wilderness Photographer

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

WANTED - if anyone reading this is thinking of selling some land - 200 to 600 acres in the Highlands area, then please contact Norm on 0418 379401



The week just gone was Australian National Volunteer Week so a BIG thank you to all those TGN community members who volunteer in some way to assist others!!



WEBSITE of the WEEK

If you would like to find out more about Truchanas & Dombrovskis, start with this...

<https://www.portrait.gov.au/magazines/17/written-in-water>

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — May & June 2018

Thursday 31st May 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
Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd June 10 - 12 on both days	WORKING BEE @ TERIP TERIP REC Even if you can only come along for an hour on one of these days, it would be a big help!! Many thanks.
Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd June 10-4 ~ both days	DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands 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.
Monday 4th June 11am  New Date!!	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
Wednesday 6th June 10.30 -12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE Inaugural visit of this fantastic Library & Council service - come along and make Piers' day!! outside Highlands Hall
Friday 8th June 6.30 pm 	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. at Highlands Community Hall 57969247 & Contact Judy
Sat 9th & Sun 10th June all day	MUDBASH 2018 - Rover Scouts One of the highlights of the Rover Scout calendar for over 40 years. Come along and see all the amazing Mudbash vehicles and teams battle it out for another year in the Hill Climb, Tug-o-War and other events. at Mafeking Rover Park
Saturday 9th June 6pm Soup & buns 7pm Walk	YEA WETLANDS SPOTLIGHT WALK Come along and celebrate World Environment Day with a night-walk through the Yea Wetlands. BYO Torch. Discover what the neighbours get up to after dark. RSVPs are essential - wetlands.yea@gmail.com at YWDC & Yea Wetlands
Wednesday 13th June 7.30pm	HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA Bi-Annual GENERAL MEETING No need to RSVP just be there! at Highlands CFA office
Sunday 17th June 2pm	RUFFY BOATHOLE - SHARE YOUR STORIES & PHOTOS The Ruffy Community Action Group invites you to bring along a share plate and your Boathole photos as part of a larger local history project. Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy For further information contact Felicity 0413 483 450
Thursday 21st June 7pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING The next meeting will be held at the Whiteheads Creek Hall, commencing @ 7.00pm. All welcome. at Whiteheads Creek Hall Enquiries? - contact Justus 57904268
Saturday 30th June	TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE - SAVE THE DATE !!! End of Financial Year Winter Fundraiser - stay tuned for further information!
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Murrindindi Mobile Library service will be visiting the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight on the following dates - put them in you diary now. June 6th & 20th July 4th & 18th August 1st, 15th & 29th Sept 12th & 26th Oct 10th & 24th Nov 7th & 21st and Dec 5th & 19th at Highlands Hall
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??

Ruffy Boathole Fun - do you have any memories?

Photos like these of the Ruffy Boathole have some amusing and amazing stories behind them. The Ruffy Community Action Group invites you to bring a share plate and your Boathole photos on **Sunday 17th June @2pm** to the **Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy**. If you are happy for the photos to be scanned we will do so. We look forward to hearing some tales of activities and events at The Boathole. This is all part of a larger local history project we are compiling with other groups in the community. We look forward to seeing you.



Enquiries: Felicity Sloman - 0413 483 450



Fox on The Run is on again this year!!

This year we are collecting tails @ \$3 each to a maximum of 100 tails.

You can register as a team/family or an individual.

The competition runs from the 4th June until 8th July with all tails to be handed in by the 9th July.

Presentation to be held in July with trophies for the most tails collected.

*** Contact Neil to register 0417503472 57969111**
hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com



Very Important Announcement !!

The Tarcombe-Ruffy bridge located 2 kms east of Ponkeen Creek Rd will be closed for replacement from **Monday 28th May through to Friday 15th June** inclusive. Please note these are the REVISED dates and any short term inconvenience will result in long term accessibility.

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Sunday 3 : exhibition|sale from 8am, bubbles + chat with Gillian from 10.30am



Mobile Library Service in Highlands

The Murrindindi Mobile Library Service will commence **Wednesday June 6th from 10.30am to 12.30pm** outside the Highlands Community Hall. They will provide this service on a fortnightly basis, see schedule below. Members of the Highlands Community Hall committee will be in attendance to provide **tea, coffee, cakes, etc at a cost of \$4.00** per serve. We hope the community from Highlands and surrounding areas will come along to experience this unique service and catch up with friends over a cuppa.

Highlands 10.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday – Fortnightly

June	6 th & 20 th
July	4 th & 18 th
August	1 st , 15 th & 29 th
September	12 th & 26 th
October	10 th & 24 th
November	7 th & 21 st
December	5 th & 19 th

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