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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

OK, so while the body is back in Victoria, the head is still in Tasmania and I can't help wondering, when it comes to the environment, how we can continue to get it so wrong. If Gustav Weindorfer could clearly see in 1910 that there are some environmental areas that should be preserved for posterity, "This should be a National Park for all time. It is magnificent and people must know about it and enjoy it," (Cradle) then why can't we, with all the understanding and knowledge of the natural world, that has been accrued in the last 100 years, see that today? On one of our 4 days in Tasi we drove from Cradle to Stanley along the "back roads." I was amazed at the quality of the road network that seemed to be way off the beaten track and then realised that we were driving through mile after mile of plantation timber. Pine and blue gum stands sat side by side over a fair chunk of the north west and I lost count of the number of logging trucks, passing us in both directions. A wood-chipping operation was making short work of some of their loads, but other logs were destined for further afield. It is obviously an industry vital to the Tasmanian economy and if they can learn from the carefully farmed plantation experiences of the Canadian and Finnish timber industries then it will have a sustainable future. What concerns me though is their propensity to continue to needlessly log old growth forests, such as the Tarkine and the Styx, where the damage being done to these precious and unique environments is irrevocable and the loss of habitat criminal. Such an irreversible situation obviously touched a chord with one of our TGN readers last week and his vertiginous contribution is on page 3 for all to read and enjoy, thanks Sandy.

Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny? — was looking forward to Drinks on the Deck.

Highlands Ramblers enjoy the scenery and sun

Sunday 27th May was a perfect day for a walk. Twelve people set out from the corner of Highlands and Chisholm roads walking, with permission, down hill through private property. We were in forest most of the way through blue gums, peppermints, messmates, manna gums and blackwoods. We passed some huge granite boulders before stopping for lunch at a garden gazebo (not our usual damp logs) on our way to Fassifern Creek (also known as Jack's Creek) which to our knowledge has never run dry. We walked along the creek where we found several burrowing crayfish (engaeus sp.) chimneys in the mud and one friendly wallaby before climbing back up the hill while watching out for the white bull. The last leg of our walk was along Highlands Road back to our cars. Thanks to the owners of the properties we walked through and to Dennis Spiteri for the photos. The next Highlands Ramblers walk will be on Sunday 24th June, starting at 10.30am at the Highlands Community Hall. Bring a carry lunch and wear strong boots. For more information contact Andrew Shaw on 0427 969 297.



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**"The traveller sees what he sees.
The tourist sees what he has come
to see." -- GK Chesterton
(English Writer 1874 - 1936)**

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







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hughes.creek1@gmail.com

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
May	79.7 mm	72.5 mm
2018 Total	209.7 mm	190.5 mm
May Rain Days	Days 18	Days 8

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 — June 2018

 <p>Monday 4th June 11am</p> <p>New Date!!</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.</p> <p>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th June 10.30 -12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE outside Highlands Hall</p> <p>Inaugural visit of this fantastic Library & Council service - come along and make Piers' day!!</p>
 <p>Friday 8th June 6.30 pm</p>	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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>57969247 & Contact Judy</p>
<p>Sat 9th & Sun 10th June all day</p>	<p>MUDBASH 2018 - Rover Scouts at Mafeking Rover Park</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday 9th June 6pm Soup & buns 7pm Walk</p>	<p>YEA WETLANDS SPOTLIGHT WALK at YWDC & Yea Wetlands</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th June 7.30pm</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA Bi-Annual GENERAL MEETING at Highlands CFA office</p> <p>No need to RSVP just be there!</p>
<p>Sunday 17th June 2pm</p>	<p>RUFFY BOATHOLE - SHARE YOUR STORIES & PHOTOS Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</p> <p>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. For further information contact Felicity 0413 483 450</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th June 10.30 - 12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE outside Highlands Hall</p> <p>Fortnightly visit of this fantastic Library & Council service - come along and make Piers' day!!</p>
<p>Thursday 21st June 7pm</p> 	<p>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Whiteheads Creek Hall</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at the Whiteheads Creek Hall, commencing @ 7.00pm. All welcome.</p> <p>Enquiries? - contact Justus 57904268</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd June 12 - 2pm</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 93 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other Enquiries? - contact Candi 57969366</p>
 <p>Sunday 24th June 10.30am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</p> <p>A 10.30 departure from the Highlands Hall will commence the day's walk. Enquiries? - Andrew 0427 969297</p>
<p>Thursday 28th June 7pm</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 30th June</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE - SAVE THE DATE !!!</p> <p>End of Financial Year Winter Fundraiser - stay tuned for further information!</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Hall</p> <p>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</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>
<p>Last Friday of the month</p>	<p>MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</p> <p>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.</p>

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

Memories of Federation Peak & Lake Pedder

Many years ago I was with a school party that climbed Federation Peak in Jan 1958 by the direct exposed route – see photo at right. We were the first group to do so in perfectly clear weather and, I think, the fourth only after the first summiteers in 1949. We did have a rope but didn't use it! This was incredibly scary for a 17 year old but one just had to face the wall and never look down between one's legs as you can see. Even more scary was the narrow path along the lower face, again with the drop below, to get to the Hanging Lake - as we had to walk sideways with our packs on and not look down. So much for occupational health and safety in the 1950s!



But the most memorable, unique and the saddest experience of the trip was camping on the brilliant white sand of Lake Pedder, after climbing Federation Peak, and walking into the shallows of the caramel coloured water surrounded by the crags and dramatic peaks of the Franklin Range. All in perfect sunshine. We were so privileged to walk along the beautiful, pristine beach of Lake Pedder because sadly, 12 years later, the Tasmanian Government revoked the Lake Pedder National Park and the Tasmanian Hydroelectricity Commission flooded this magnificent lake in the wilderness and the beach is now under 10 metres of water.



Lake Pedder, I believe, is the worst case of economic vandalism and unrecoverable destruction of our natural environment that our country has experienced!

But Lake Pedder has also left an enduring legacy of a much enhanced community and political appreciation, and preparedness, to preserve and protect Australia's natural resource and environment.

Vale, but thank you, Lake Pedder.

Sandy McKenzie

The Highlands Black Market

A nice buzz to the first Highlands Black Market ... we had interested people offer support and even had about 10 people attend with some produce to share!

Everyone is welcome to come along to the next market on **Saturday 23rd June 12 to 2pm** and bring your excess produce, buy local, learn from each other and enjoy meeting people with a shared interest. Any enquiries ring Candi 57969366



Fox on The Run, 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

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Don't forget—Mudbash is on!!

Calling all Highlands/Caveat CFA members to assist with the donation buckets at various times from **Friday 8th - Sunday 10th June** please contact **Les Lawson 57969265**

Ruffy Boathole Fun - come & share

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

Only 3 more sleeps to go....

And then you too can be as happy as this little possum, enjoying the services of the Murrindindi Library Service. Please note that this service is not limited to Murrindindi ratepayers, just bring along some ID and you can sign up to borrow!! Magic!



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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