



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With the 46th Mudbash, at Mafeking Park, Caveat almost over for another year have you ever asked yourself the question "What exactly is it?". Well wonder no longer because here's a potted summary of this annual event held by the Rover Section (18—25 year olds) of the Scout Association.

Mudbash is an annual motorsport event run by the Rover Section of Scouts Australia. Held on the Queen's Birthday Weekend, Mudbash combines CAMS supported motor sport, general activities and camping. Mafeking Rover Park becomes a tent city on Mudbash weekend, with over 700 participants and visitors annually. Vehicles competing in Mudbash are built, repaired, raced in and owned by Rover crews across Australia and New Zealand. Each crew fundraises annually in order to upkeep their 'buggies'. Vehicles range from modified sedans and hatchbacks, to rear engine frame buggies. Every car is different; has its own name, number, - and some would say, its own 'personality'. Night time entertainment is a big drawcard at Mudbash. After night races/car events have ceased, attendees head to the stage area and continue partying to bands and DJs till the early hours of the morning. Mudbash is organised and managed by a committee of around 30 Rovers, elected into their position at the annual AGM. Any 18 - 25 year old member of the Rover Section can be nominated for a position on the committee. Although there is a lot of work involved in getting an event like Mudbash up and running, it is one of the most rewarding experiences a Rovering career can offer. Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny? — was enjoying storytime on the new mobile library.



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"Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine."

Anon - but snaffled from Chambers Rosewood's newsletter

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

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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WEBSITE of the WEEK

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The Federation Peak & Lake Pedder memories continue

For the second time in as many weeks another TGN reader has put fingertips to keyboard to share his personal experience of Federation Peak and Lake Pedder.

Dear Pauline,

Now there is something very strange going on here, I just opened my email and there was the Granite News. Inexplicably I had just finished looking through my diary of a trip to Federation Peak in 1962. OMG. Most people on the planet have never heard of it. I went to Geelong Grammar with Sandy McKenzie, although he probably wouldn't remember me, he being a year or two older. Below is a link to an obituary for John Bechervaise who was a master at GGS in my time. He was the first to climb Federation Peak in 1949 and inspired me to do two trips there, visiting Lake Pedder on both occasions, 1960



John even sent photos—he is the one holding the tent pole upright

& 1962. As Sandy said – the lake had to be seen to be believed. Each trip was about a month in duration and Lake Pedder was the ideal spot to rest and recover. I, like Sandy, have never forgiven them for what they did.

Regards, John Rutter



<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/obituary-john-bechervaise-1195434.html>

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



Wednesday 13th June 7.30pm	HIGHLANDS CAVEAT CFA Bi-Annual GENERAL MEETING No need to RSVP just be there!	at Highlands CFA office
Friday 15th June 6.45 for 7pm	MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY The MFS presents the 1949 John Ford classic film "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" with John Wayne. Filmed in the spectacular Monument Valley it won an Oscar for Best Cinematography.	at Yea Community House-
Saturday 16th June 10am	MURRINDINDI SHIRE's Bulk Buy Solar The Dindi Bulk Buy Program is a partnership between Council and the Yarra Energy Foundation which aims to give locals access to advice about solar energy and discounted solar products and systems.	at Yea Shire Hall
Sunday 17th June 9.30 am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS A 9.30 departure from the Highlands Hall, for a drive to "Eaglehawks" on Homewood Rd, will commence the day's walk. See article on p.3 for further details.	Note New Date!! Enquiries? - Andrew 0427 969297
Sunday 17th June 1pm	RUFFY CFA - DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING Like to learn how to use the new Defib unit and save lives? Come along to the DVD training session.	Ruffy Fire Station
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
Monday 18th June 7.30pm	RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE AGM Election of Officebearers, followed by General Meeting. All welcome.	Ruffy Fire Station Contact Justus-0427524473- for details.
Wednesday 20th June 10.30 - 12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE Fortnightly visit of this fantastic Library & Council service - come along and make Piers' day!!	outside Highlands Hall
Wednesday 20th June 6pm for 6.30pm	RURAL AUSTRALIANS for REFUGEES - Refugee Week Fundraiser Ai Weiwei's film "Human Flow" will be shown during Refugee Week. See TGN attachment for further details.	at Euroa Cinema
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 23rd June 9 am	RIPARIAN WALK #6 - Emu Waterholes Creek The 6th walk in a series to become better acquainted with local waterways, more info coming soon!	
Saturday 23rd June 12 - 2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - contact Candi 57969366
Thursday 28th June 7pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.	at Caveat Church
Saturday 30th June 6.30pm	TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE - SPIN THE WHEEL - win GREAT prizes, tax FREE!! End of Financial Year Winter Fundraiser - come along and have some fun - \$20 adults, \$50 family. BBQ meat supplied, BYO salad or sweet to share. For more information see this week's TGN attachment.	
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 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??

The Mobile Library has landed in Highlands!

The Murrindindi Mobile Library will be at the Highlands Hall every second Wednesday. The first visit occurred on Wednesday 6th June. The next will be June 20th. The van is open from 10.30am till 12.30pm. Not only do you have time to peruse the library, but you can check catalogues, return and take out books, magazines or DVDs, and enjoy a cuppa and a cake in the Hall. (The Hall will be open each time to raise money by serving refreshments.)

It is all so convenient, so friendly and a great community meeting place. If you are bored with adult contacts you can have fun in the children's corner and enjoy some exciting children's books, or else start reading your book over a cuppa. If you are keen to get a particular title, you can always contact the library (phone or on line) and ask them to reserve it for you.

If you haven't yet joined the library this is your chance, you can even pay your rates or animal registrations if you need to. (Murrindindi Shire only) This is also an opportunity to meet the locals.



A Vote for More Scepticism

I never thought I would say it but there maybe something useful that comes from Donald Trump. We have always known about politicians who hide or 'spin' the facts, who camouflage the truth with 'dog whispering'. We know about advertisers who massage and misrepresent the facts and media and politicians who peddle 'false facts'. It is becoming difficult to trust anyone in authority, even the so called expert. We can no longer trust our banks, our financial advisers, religious authorities, business leaders, let alone our governments. When we come to reflect on social media we have a whole new world that sponges on the gullible, the intellectually lazy, and those who get their fix from rumour, gossip and the worship of celebrity.

If you have followed the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook debacle you might have remembered what the CEO of the former said, 'It sounds a dreadful thing to say, but these are things that don't necessarily need to be true as long as they're believed.'

Someone once said, 'our capacity to be deceived seems endless'. While our community leaders are playing nasty, we all need to take some responsibility for what we believe and accept from those in authority. The real danger of course is that we become so disenchanted with the world around us that we end up adopting a sad and cynical attitude to everything, maybe even towards those in our immediate environment and family.

On the other hand, to be a sceptic is to have a questioning mind, one that eschews pat answers, simple solutions, schemes that are too good to be true, information that appeals only to the emotion, and anything that propagates hate and prejudice.

How do you think?

Stuart Reid - Highlands

Defibrillator (AED) at Ruffy CFA

It is attached to the CFA building for community use, the cabinet is unlocked but alarmed.

Thanks to Ruffy CFA, Ruffartz, Ruffy Community Action Group, HCCC Landcare, Tablelands Community Centre for funding the AED.

Whilst it is designed to be used by anyone a training DVD is available for those interested in learning more. There will be an **information session at the Ruffy CFA on Sunday 17th June at 1pm** for a group training session using the DVD and answering any questions. Enquiries? - Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450



Murrindindi Solar Bulk Buy - almost here

This exciting new program will be launched on June 16th @ Yea Shire Hall - see What's On and this week's TGN attachment for further details.



Mudbash thanks!!

Many thanks to all the Highlands/Caveat CFA members who helped out at the annual fundraiser either rattling buckets or selling firewood. Your dedication was most appreciated.

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

Date change for Highlands Ramblers

Now on **Sunday 17th June!** Meeting at the Highlands Community Hall ready to leave at **9.30am** to drive to 'Eaglehawk' in Homewoods Road for a walk over the hill to Greenslopes Road. If you prefer you could meet us at Eaglehawk in Homewoods Rd at

10.30am. Bring a carry lunch & water & wear strong walking shoes. For more information contact Andrew on 0427 969 297.



Don't forget !! 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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