



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

The forthcoming week, 17th -23rd June, is National Refugee Week.

Whatever your opinion of our country's mandatory detention policy, according to the OED (Oxford English Dictionary) a **refugee** is - a person taking refuge, especially in a foreign country, from religious or political prosecution or from war, earthquake, etc.

Under this definition there are 13,299 people, including 4059 children, currently living in Australia, who have been legally deemed to be refugees. And if you choose to access the Website of the Week below (a link from the Asylum Seekers' Resource Centre's CEO that explains the new laws, as of 18th June) you can discover the current state of play. This situation has just taken another plummet into poverty, for these fellow Australians to be, as they now wait until 2020 for the opportunity for their asylum application to finally be processed.

Throughout Australia many country towns and localities have become part of the Rural Australians for Refugees movement with its aim of compassionate treatment of Australia's Asylum Seekers - there are 42 groups in Victoria alone. The RAR group in Strathbogie Shire at Euroa is holding a fundraising film night this coming Wednesday 20th June to raise funds to provide practical support (food, clothing, accommodation) to local refugees. If you would like to assist this humanitarian cause, tickets are \$16/\$12, with pre movie snacks at 6pm and curtain up at 6.30. See p.3 for further details.

And if anyone is interested in finding out more, or forming a RAR group for our own granite tablelands, please email editor@tgn.org.au

"Refugees are human resources, they have experience and skills. Refugees are our future spouses, best friends, or soulmates, the drummer for the band of our children, our next colleague, Miss Iceland 2022, the carpenter who finally finished the bathroom, the cook in the cafeteria, the fireman, the computer genius or the television host." Bryndis Bjorgvinsdottir - Icelandic author

Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny? — was welcoming borrowers to the new mobile library.

Terip Terip - End of Financial Year Windfall - YES!!

Date for your Diaries - **Saturday 30th June from 6.30pm** onwards, come along and have some fun with Spin the Wheel. The odds are better than Tattsлото!!

Get a ticket in each spin for chances to win great prizes

\$\$\$ TAX FREE \$\$\$

10 rounds of spins at \$2.00 each with 3 chances to win each round — so bring your piggy banks

Saturday 30th June 2018

Commencing at 6.30pm

\$20.00 per adult or \$50.00 per family

BBQ'd meat will be provided ... BYO salad or sweet to share

Numbers are restricted so get in quick!

RSVP: Kerri Thomas 5790 4191 or kez.r.thomas@gmail.com

We will also be celebrating Sonia & Les Sloan's time at Terip — come along and wish them well for their next adventure

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



Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
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"If you judge people you have no time to love them."

Mother Theresa

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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hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com



WEBSITE of the WEEK




<https://www.facebook.com/Asyum.Seeker.Resource.Centre.ASRC/videos/645488800267/Uzpf->

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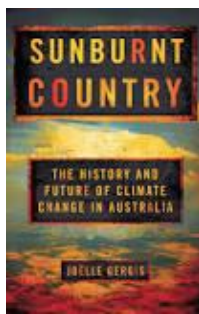
COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — June & July 2018

 Monday 18th June 7-30pm	RUFFY FIRE BRIGADE AGM Election of Officebearers, followed by General Meeting. All welcome. Contact Justus-0427524473- for details. Ruffy Fire Station
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!! Pauline's too. 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 pages 1 & 3 of TGN 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 to become better acquainted with local waterways, for more info check out the website or email
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 TGN's page 1.
Wednesday 4th July 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
Thursday 5th July 4.30 - 6.30pm	STRATHBOGIE SHIRE — OUR CULTURE MATTERS For everyone who lives, works & plays in Strathbogie Shire come along and help develop a cultural strategy for your local shire. Refreshments provided. at Ruffy Produce Store Enquiries? Ring Strathbogie Shire
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July 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. N.B. Studio will be closed in August 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
Monday 9th July 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
 Friday 14th July 6.30pm	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
Wednesday 18th July 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
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

Mobile Library - Book Review

Sunburnt Country by Joelle Gergis

This book is a very interesting insight into, not only the current state of the weather affecting Australia, but also the history of Australian climate. From the diary and journal entries of the First Fleet - they arrived in the middle of an El Nino weather pattern, which probably didn't help much with the planting and harvesting of the introduced seeds - to tree rings, slices of coral and ice cores, this fascinating book details the history of formal, informal and natural weather records. It explores the highs and lows of climate over the millennia and scientifically justifies the fact that climate change is a reality and that human intervention has escalated its progress. Gergis has presented a compelling argument using an extensive range of resources. It is truly amazing the extent that scientists use documents and samples to verify & confirm the impact of climate change on our planet. A very readable and informative book.



What is the Difference?

A **refugee** is forced to flee from their country and cannot return unless the situation that forced them to leave improves. Some are forced to flee without any warning: many have experienced trauma and torture. The motivating factor for refugees is safety and protection from persecution and human rights abuse, not economic advantage.

An **asylum seeker** is a person who is seeking protection as a refugee and is still waiting to have his/her claim assessed. Every refugee has at some point been an asylum seeker.

A **migrant** is somebody who leaves their country to have a better life. They choose where they migrate to and they are able to return whenever they like.

You can learn much more from the on-line resource kit—see www.refugeeweek.org.au

Human Flow

screening in Euroa on Wed 20th June

A reminder that the screening of 'Human Flow' is fast approaching. Book your tickets soon – TryBooking/Refugee Week film fundraiser

Wed 20 June 2018

6pm for a 6.30 pm curtain up

Euroa Cinema

Tickets \$16.00 / \$12.00 concession

Over 60 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War 2. Human Flow an epic film journey led by internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration.

All funds raised will provide practical support for local refugees.

Highlands/Caveat CFA AGM

Highlands/Caveat held their bi-annual AGM last Wednesday and are pleased to announce that Scott Mackay is the new captain with lieutenants 1st, 2nd & 3rd being Jim McCooey, Callum Lawson and Tim Hood. Judy Cameron will take on the role of Communications Officer with assistance from Melissa McDowell.

The brigade also thanked retiring captain, Les Lawson, for his tireless efforts for the brigade and brigade members over his 10 years as captain.



Reuse, Recycle & Refuse Tips #1

Did you know that tops should be removed from bottles before putting them in the bin as the tops are usually made from different materials? But because loose tops and small bits of plastic “fall through the cracks” they cause problems. The solution is to use a clean, empty metal can (soup, baked beans, etc) to put the metal bottle tops in - crush them a bit and when the tin is nearly full, squeeze the sides together, so no tops will fall out and put into your recycle bin. Put plastic tops (orange juice, milk, bread tags, etc) into a plastic container - clean butter or margarine tub - put the lid on when full and also place into the recycle bin. With many thanks to Judy & Marg for these tips.



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EUROA Strathbogie Shire Council Conference Room, Bury Street, June 28, 6-8pm	STRATHBOGIE Under The Sun Cafe 14 Main Street, July 4, 4:30 - 6:30pm	RUFFY The Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Road July 5, 4:30 - 6:30pm

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