



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Another week, and another “official” week of something is happening somewhere in the world. However the week I’m thinking of isn’t officially happening until **9th - 15th July** but, as this is the last TGN before then, you have a couple of week’s notice to plan, to join in and celebrate - **NAIDOC Week**. Another acronym, I hear you cry, what on earth does this one mean? Isn’t it something to do with aborigines? Well yes, but it’s so much more. **NAIDOC** stands for **National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee**. And with 52 letters in that moniker it’s probably a good thing that it’s been shortened to just 6. Australians are known for their propensity to abbreviate “everything” so NAIDOC suits our laconic language just fine. But what exactly is it and why would we want to celebrate something if we’re not from an indigenous heritage? And the answer is simple, no matter where our ancestors came from, we’re all part of the wider Australian community. By learning things from our neighbours, appreciating another culture and discovering the indigenous heritage of our local area we can broaden our own knowledge, skills and understanding of a society that has been around for 60,000 years. And that is definitely something to celebrate!!

So why not check out the Website of the Week below to discover more about NAIDOC Week, its history and its achievements. Open up the NAIDOC Week flier attached to this week’s TGN and discover the range of excellent activities that are on offer locally from children’s art activities, to a talk by indigenous author Bruce Pascoe, to a walk in the Yea Wetlands highlighting the use of various plants - for food, medicine and tools - by the local Taungurung clans. Advance bookings recommended at [www.trybooking.com/WISC](http://www.trybooking.com/WISC) or ring 57972663 Until 15th July, stay warm, **Pauline And Kenny?** — decided to try his hand at Rogaining.

\*\*\* Don’t forget there is a 2 week hiatus for TGN so please remember to send any articles, ads or anything else for the next TGN to [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) by **Thursday 12th July**, at the absolute latest, but the earlier the better.

## 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**

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**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](mailto: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



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**“Dawn has never recovered from what the Somme did to it.”**  
**1st July 2018 = the 102nd anniversary of the Battle of the Somme**

**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 31st July with all tails to be handed in by the 3rd August.

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

\* Contact Neil to register  
0417503472 57969111  
[hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com](mailto:hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com)

**EXCITING NEWS**  
**Fox on the Run competition has been extended until July 31st - be in it!!**





**WEBSITE of the WEEK**

**[www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)**

**For all things to do with NAIDOC Week**

# Community Notices & Classifieds

## COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR — June & July 2018

<b>Thursday 28th June</b> 7pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat. <b>at Caveat Church</b>
<b>Saturday 30th June</b> 6.30pm	<b>TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE - SPIN THE WHEEL - win GREAT prizes, tax FREE!!</b> 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.
<b>Wednesday 4th July</b> 5.30—7pm	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> A special early evening of entertainment—On the Couch—come along and participate in a feast of all things bookish and discover some GREAT reads. RSVPs for catering purposes appreciated <b>Enquiries? Ring 57720351</b> <b>inside Highlands Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 5th July</b> 4.30 - 6.30pm	<b>STRATHBOGIE SHIRE — OUR CULTURE MATTERS</b> For everyone who lives, works & plays in Strathbogie Shire come along and help develop a cultural strategy for your local shire. Refreshments provided. <b>Enquiries? Ring Strathbogie Shire</b> <b>at Ruffy Produce Store</b>
<b>Saturday 7th &amp; Sunday 8th July</b> 10-4 - both days	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</b> 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. <b>N.B. Studio will be closed in August</b> <b>2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</b>
 <b>Monday 9th July</b> 11am	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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. <b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th July</b> 1pm & 7pm	<b>NAIDOC WEEK presents author BRUCE PASCOE</b> Alexandra Library & YWater Discovery Centre Acclaimed indigenous author Bruce Pascoe will be speaking in two locations as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations - <b>1pm at Alexandra Library &amp; 7pm at YWDC</b> . Come along and discover the fascinating indigenous history of European settlement. NB a small charge applies for the YWDC session as supper, with indigenous flavours, will be served.
 <b>Friday 14th July</b> 6.30pm	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> 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. <b>57969247 &amp; Contact Judy</b> <b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
	<b>No HCCC Meeting for July - next one is Aug 23rd @ Ruffy Community Centre @ 7 pm</b>
<b>Sunday 29th July</b> 10.30am	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> A 10.30 departure for a walk to Cherry Tree Range and Greenslopes Rd. <b>Enquiries? - Andrew 0427 969297</b>
<b>Thursday 26th July</b> 7pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat. <b>at Caveat Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 31st July</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE for FOX on the RUN competition - BE IN IT !!</b> Don't forget to get your fox tails in - \$3 per tail, up to 100 - to Neil van Buuren 57969111 and help free the extended neighbourhood of this unwanted pest.
<b>Every second Wednesday</b> 10.30-12.30	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> 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 - and come for Morning Tea. <b>July 4th &amp; 18th August 1st, 15th &amp; 29th Sept 12th &amp; 26th Oct 10th &amp; 24th Nov 7th &amp; 21st and Dec 5th &amp; 19th</b> <b>at Highlands Hall</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> 10 am	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> 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 <a href="mailto:kyliepenny@gmail.com">kyliepenny@gmail.com</a> <b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b>
<b>Last Friday of the month</b>	<b>MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams</b> 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. <b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b>

HCCC Landcare is now on Facebook—keep up with all of our activities

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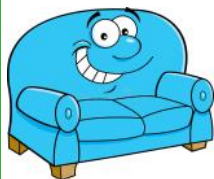
WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

## Mobile Library NEWS!!!!

The Murrindindi Library Service offers a fantastic monthly event

### **"On the Couch" Wed. 4th July @ 5.30pm**

Come along to the Highlands Hall on this date for an entertaining and enlightening early evening discovering a world of NEW books and great reads and in some cases the two together!! Talented librarians Piers, Sally and Pauline will introduce you to some excellent literature and non-fiction reads. Not to mention some seriously yummy food to make the evening even more enjoyable. All locals are invited to this literary feast of goodies. RSVPs for catering purposes would be appreciated - 5772 0351.



## Victorian Junior Landcare & Biodiversity Grant

DWELP in partnership with Landcare Australia is giving schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Scouts, Girl Guides and youth groups the chance to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 (excl GST) as part of the Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants. **Grant applications close on July 20th.** Check out this link for the criteria and guidelines, along with the types of projects that can be funded.

<https://mailchi.mp/doc4dd47815c/this-christmas-save-the-habitats-of-our-aussie-species-1193505?e=830899a63a>

N.B. Sadly, we no longer have any of these youth facilities in our immediate area, but if you are associated with any of the above groups, please make them aware of this funding opportunity. Ed.



## If you're not tripping along to top up the coffers at Terip Terip on Sat. 30th June.....

then maybe a night of drama in Yea might be the thing - Yea Yappers are pleased to present Highway 1 Theatre Company's production of **PROOF**

**Saturday 30th June @ Yea Shire Hall @ 7.30pm**

Tickets are \$39 or \$35 concession and can be ordered on line at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) search for "Proof" by David Auburn or sales at the door on the night.



## Reuse, Recycle & Refuse Tips #2

When offered an extra plastic bag for meat or some product already multi-wrapped. **REFUSE**



With many thanks to Judy & Marg for these tips.

## Have you heard of the Knitting Nannas of Toolangi ?

They are a group of women peacefully and creatively protesting against the destruction of our beautiful native forests.

At the heart of their Great Tree Project is the need to highlight the importance of the magnificent Mountain Ash trees (Eucalyptus Regnans) that are in decline due to logging and fire. Left alone these trees can stand for more than 250 years and provide habitat for our iconic wildlife, if let to grow for long enough. But the scale and frequency of logging in the Central Highlands of Victoria has seen these areas of large old trees being converted to stands of young regrowth. These 'high rise homes for wildlife' are presently being targeted by the logging industry for paper, pallets and a smaller amount of timber. Trees are being logged before they are old enough to form hollows.

The Rusty coupe in Toolangi was logged in 2013 after a long campaign to try and save it from being logged. This was a huge loss as 'Rusty' contained 101 hollow bearing trees. Along with other groups the Knitting Nannas fought hard to stop this logging. Eventually, in a minor and mostly pointless concession to conservationists, most of the hollow bearing trees were saved from the chainsaws and the coupe was not subjected to a post logging burn. Retaining only these old large trees while subsequently logging the surrounding area usually means that wildlife eventually perish due to loss of habitat. A recent survey has shown no sightings of the wildlife that once called these trees home.

The Knitting Nannas of Toolangi was formed in 2013 and now, five years later, they have a vision to knit a life-size tree, to honour these gentle giants. It will not be yarn-bombing as such (the practice of covering objects in public places with decorative knitted material), but just as striking. The Great Tree Project will, when completed, be an 80-metre long tree silhouette placed along the ground in a prominent public position to be seen by as many people as possible. They are calling on knitters to stitch hundreds of pieces that will be sewn together to create an impressive piece, a piece that will highlight the practice of clear-felling and the destruction of these magnificent giants and their essential homes for wildlife

### **Instructions for knitting a part of the 80 metre tree**

Using size 4 needles, and 8 ply wool cast on 40 stitches and knit in garter stitch, stocking stitch, or whatever combination of stitches you prefer.

Experiment with combinations of colour, or just knit one solid colour. (Delve into your stash of wool and use up wool from any unfinished projects.)

Continue knitting until the piece measures 1 metre (100cms) and cast off. The nannas will sew them together to form the tree.

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