



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Winter has well and truly descended on the plateau and snow is a definite possibility if the temperatures keep on dropping into the minuses at night and although it has been raining, Alistair Lade - Highlands' rainfall recorder, advises that so far the rain result for the last 6 months is 85mm less than the average. Something to ponder for the summer.

With NAIDOC Week finishing up as I type I thought it might be interesting to share a little bit about the land, country, on which we live. Firstly, our homes are situated on Taungurung land and these tribal lands encompass a huge chunk of Victoria - the boundaries include the towns and settlements of Woods Point, Mt Buller, Euroa, Rushworth, Heathcote, Kyneton, Pyalong, and along the Kinglake Range to Marysville. Within the Taungurung tribal lands there were 9 clans and the clan that roamed our part of the bigger picture were known as the Waring-Yilam-bulok. Of the 9 clans in existence when European settlement began only 5 of these clan groups have descendants living today. Traditionally the Taungurung lived a hunter/gatherer existence and the various clans migrated on a seasonal basis utilising the resources available in the vast country. Taungurung ancestors had an intimate knowledge of their environment and were able to sustain the ecology of the local area and exploit the food available. Mirnong (Yam Daisy) was a staple plant food and a reliable source of carbohydrate. Other plants such as Bracken Fern (food & medicine), Tree Ferns, Kangaroo Apple and Cherry Balart were also valuable food sources and can still be seen growing on Taungurung country today. The rich resources of the permanent rivers and creeks yielded an abundance of fish and other wildlife such as Marram (Kangaroo), Goorbil (Koala) and Barramul (Emu) also provided nourishing food.

**Source** = Taungurung Clans - About Us

Until next week, stay warm, **Pauline**

And **Kenny**? - was "hiding" in plain sight encouraging the next generation to become involved in Landcare & Biodiversity.



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**"A hug makes a great gift. One size fits all and it can be easily exchanged."**  
Anon.

**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 5796911  
[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!!**

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
June	81.8 mm	60.5 mm
2018 Total	291.5 mm	251 mm
June Rain Days	16 Days	8 Days

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 — July & August 2018

	<b><i>No HCCC Meeting for July - next one is Aug 23rd @ Ruffy Community Centre @ 7 pm</i></b>	
<b>Friday 20th July</b> <b>Doors open @ 6.45 pm</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY</b>	at Yea Shire Chambers This month's film will be the classic Australian comedy "They're a Weird Mob" a 1960's gem starring Walter Chiari as Nino and an impressive line up of local Australian talent including Chips Rafferty, John Meillon and Ed Deveraux to name a few. Based on the book by John O'Grady it's a great night out. <b>Enquiries? - Jill 5797 2480</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd July</b> <b>3 pm</b>	<b>UPPER GOULBURN LANDCARE NETWORK - PRUNING WORKSHOP</b>	at Buxton The UGLN are holding a FREE Fruit Tree Pruning workshop - 11 Patagorang Place Buxton followed by a wood-fired pizza (see attachment for further details) <b>RSVPs to Judy Watts by 18/7/18 57974405</b>
<b>Thursday 26th July</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b>	at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
<b>Saturday 28th July</b> <b>12 to 2pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b>	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Candi 57969366</b>
<b>Sunday 29th July</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	<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>Sunday 29th July</b> <b>10.00 to 12.00</b>	<b>NATIONAL TREE DAY COMMUNITY PLANTING</b>	Great Victorian Rail Trail near Eglinton Cutting Come along and help plant some beautiful trees. Tools, gloves and lunch provided (see attachment for further details) <b>Enquiries? or RSVPs 0418 595928</b>
<b>Tuesday 31st July</b> 	<b>CLOSING DATE for FOX on the RUN competition - BE IN IT TO WIN 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>Friday 10th August</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b>	at Highlands Community Hall 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>Monday 12th August</b> <b>11 am</b>	<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>Wednesday 15th August</b> <b>7 pm</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI SOLAR BULK BUY MEETING</b>	at Yea Shire Hall The Dindi Bulk Buy brings Murrindindi Shire home, business and farm owners free impartial energy advice on their solar options. For further information check out <a href="http://www.dindibulkbuy.com.au">www.dindibulkbuy.com.au</a>
<b>Thursday 23rd August</b> <b>7 pm</b>	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b>	at Ruffy Community Centre The next meeting will be held in Ruffy commencing at 7pm. All welcome. <b>Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268</b>
<b>Saturday 25th August</b> <b>12 to 2pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b>	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Candi 57969366</b>
<b>Sunday 26th August</b> <b>10.00 am - 12.30pm</b>	<b>TREE STORY - DIE BACK or GROW BACK? &amp; Tree Planting</b>	along the GV Rail Trail Come along, plant some more beautiful trees and find out about the Strathbogie Ranges Tree Health Project
<b>Every second Wednesday</b> <b>10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b>	at Highlands Hall 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 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>Every Monday</b> <b>10 am</b>	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b>	at Tablelands Community Centre 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 <a href="mailto:kyliepenny@gmail.com">kyliepenny@gmail.com</a>
<b>STOP PRESS !</b>	<b><i>Due to the fact that Kristy Adams is about to become a mum quite soon - In August - her massage therapy sessions will be in abeyance until further notice. Best wishes to her from TGN on the impending new arrival .</i></b>	

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

## Murrindindi Solar Bulk Buy

The Dindi Bulk Buy brings Murrindindi Shire home, business and farm owners free impartial energy advice on their solar options. It also gives you access to discounted solar products and the opportunity to have them installed by a trusted provider. The Dindi Bulk Buy Program is an opt-in service. Council's Program partners, are Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) and Jim's Energy with YEF also providing a free and impartial advice on any solar -power questions Murrindindi Shire residents might have. Whether you want to improve your existing solar system, get third-party advice on a quote from any seller in the market, or wish to find out more about buying or installing solar through the Program, YEF's hotline is a great way to find out which solar products will work for you. If you're interested in finding out more about the Dindi Bulk Buy or its Partners, check out [www.dindibulkbuy.com.au](http://www.dindibulkbuy.com.au) or pop along to the information session in Yea - **Wed 7th August**.



## Highlands Black Market — 28th July

If you'd like to know more about Turkey's Tail, Lion's Mane and Woodear come and meet Samantha Davey from Caveat Mushrooms.



## FREE!! Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop - UGLN

**Sunday 22nd July @ 3pm** in Buxton, see attachment for details, but **RSVP ASAP by 18/7 to Judy Watts 57074405** with woodfired pizza to complete the day.



### Free Green Waste Community Partnership Workshop

**6.30pm | Tuesday 7 August | Yea Council Chambers**

Did you know that Murrindindi Shire Council now offers free domestic green waste at its Resource Recovery Centres?

Were you also aware that your community group can generate an income from helping people in our communities get their green waste to those Centres?

With the introduction of the new Free Green Waste Program for residents, Council wants to make sure everyone in Murrindindi Shire is able to access this great service.

Council is looking to partner with local community groups interested in helping others by providing a community green waste collection service. The idea is to help those people in our community who need assistance to get their green waste to one of Council's Resource Recovery Centres. We are looking for ideas about how this might work.

If you have an idea about how you could help or about how this program might work, please come along to our Free Green Waste workshop.

Find out more about how to manage your waste at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/waste](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/waste)

## Planning and Environment Act 1987

### STRATHBOGIE SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME

#### Notice of the preparation of an amendment

##### Amendment C78

The Strathbogie Shire Council has prepared Amendment C78 to the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

The land affected by the amendment is the entire municipality of Strathbogie Shire, with particular relevance to township and urban areas.

The amendment proposes to implement the recommendations of the Strathbogie Shire Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement, June 2016, by including strategic guidance in the Municipal Strategic Statement at Clause 21.05 and inserting a new Local Policy at Clause 22.04 to ensure that electronic gaming facilities are located in appropriate locations within the municipality.

The proposed amendment:

- Amends Clause 21.05 to provide strategic guidance to proponents as recommended by the Strathbogie Gaming Amendment Discussion Paper 2018.
- Amends Clause 21.08 to include the Strathbogie Shire Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement, June 2016 as a reference document in the scheme.

Inserts Clause 22.04 to provide further policy direction to decision makers in determining the appropriate siting of electronic gaming facilities.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at the following locations:

§ during office hours, at the office of the planning authority, Strathbogie Shire Council [109A Binney St, Euroa VIC 3666](http://109A%20Binney%20St,%20Euroa%20VIC%203666).

§ at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website [www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection).

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. The closing date for submissions is close of business **3rd August 2018**. A submission must be sent to the Strathbogie Shire Council [109A Binney St, Euroa VIC 3666](http://109A%20Binney%20St,%20Euroa%20VIC%203666).

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office for any person to inspect free of charge for two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

Steve Crawcour

CEO, Strathbogie Shire Council



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