



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

I honestly can't believe how quickly this year is disappearing and that in 2 weeks it will be the 30th issue of my editorship of TGN. Wow, it only seems like yesterday that I was thinking, "Well everyone should have at least one new experience every day, guess this is mine...I hope I get it right." And next week's issue will see another new experience about to unfold for us all as TGN goes international well, at least the Editor does, for a well-earned break. That magnificent and incredibly welcoming country, Canada, is beckoning and as technology is now pretty much universal 3 out of the next 5 weeks will see TGN winging its way to you from "somewhere" in Canada. However apologies in advance if the ubiquitous Wi-fi isn't instantly available or I have difficulty getting my head around the myriad of time-zones spread across the continent. I will still be aiming for a consistent Sunday night delivery but this may vary slightly depending on local circumstances. Your forbearance and understanding is appreciated.

Until next week, **Pauline**
And **Kenny**? - was checking out his favourite Mobile Library.



Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
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**"I am only good at two things -
gardening and painting."**

Claude Monet (1840 - 1926)

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

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The cutest donkeys in the world would like someone to clean up & pick up all the small to medium size fallen timber in their paddocks and stack it.

This is **paid work**, so please ring Deb on 0412 251114, to let her know if you can assist. (While these donkeys may be cute, they can't answer phones!)

WANTED

Looking to buy, at a reasonable price, 4x4 vehicle must be manual to be able to use in the paddock
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WEBSITE of the WEEK

<https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/>

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WATTLE DAY in AUSTRALIA

Over the years various people have promoted the idea of celebrating wattle day, on the first day of our Spring. AJ Campbell, a Victorian field naturalist and bird lover suggested in the 1880s we could make September 1st Wattle Day. It was seen as a way to express patriotism, for instance during World War I, sprigs of wattle were sent to diggers overseas. The golden burst of the wattles remains one the beautiful features of the Australian Bush, across the length and breadth of the land. The sight of the first wattles in Spring must have brought joy to all, both the aboriginal inhabitants and the early settlers. The bright blooms heralded the beginning of a season of growth and for the settlers, a new harvest. For the aborigines the wattles would be a sign of welcome warmth to come, and a harvest of wattle seeds for baking. All would have appreciated the beauty of the transformed landscape. The Wattle also heralds the change from winter into the times of flowering and breeding for so many of our wild species. In our area the wattles are already starting to flower. The Cootamundra Wattles and Silver Wattle are out in all their glory and Golden Wattle – the main Wattle Day species – is about to paint the landscape with gold.

On **Sunday 2nd September** we will be welcoming Spring with a celebration at **Light Horse Park**, from **10am - 1pm**. All welcome but please RSVP 0428339989
With thanks to Lesley Dalziel for this timely article.



Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — August & September 2018



**Monday 27th August
@ 7pm**

TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM

All welcome!

Postponed see below!

at Terip Rec Reserve
Enquiries? Sue Martin 57904277

**Monday 27th August
@ 7.30pm**

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

Election of committee and office bearers followed by a general meeting. All welcome.

at Tablelands Community Centre

Enquiries? Melissa 0404 833388

**Thursday 30th August
@ 5.30 pm**

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS

All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.

at Caveat Church

**Saturday 1st Sept
9am & 1pm**

TERIP TERIP Rec Reserve Working Bee & TTRR AGM

at Terip Rec Reserve

Working Bee will replace boundary fences and get the facilities looking smart for the Spring/Summer tennis
TTRR AGM all positions are open for nominations for a 2 year term. All community members are welcome.

**Saturday 1st September
@ 8pm**

RuffArtZ

"Café Culture Series" - Dr Crask & his Swinging Elixir Band

at Ruffy Community Hall

Whatever ails you this show is guaranteed to get your toes tapping: a luscious sizzling "little big-band" sound. Tickets \$25, BYO drinks & nibbles. Please book early to ensure your seat.

Bookings: Christine 0419 561386 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com

**Saturday 1st & Sunday
2nd Sept
10 - 4 on both days**

DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO

2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands

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.

**Sunday 2nd September
10am - 1.30pm**

WATTLE DAY CELEBRATIONS

at Lighthorse Memorial Park, GV Hwy, Seymour

Welcome in Spring with Wattle Day at Lighthorse Memorial Park, Seymour. Walk to ANZAC Hill and have a picnic lunch. All welcome.

Enquiries? 0428 339989 & RSVPs by 25/8/18



**Wednesday 5th Sept.
@ 7pm**

TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM

All welcome!

New date!

at Terip Rec Reserve
Enquiries? Sue Martin 57904277

**Friday 7th September
@ 6.30pm & 7.30pm**

DANCE HALL—the Shindig of the Year

at Yarck Community Hall

Dinner & Show tickets now available for this amazing night of entertainment. See separate attachment in this week's TGN email for further details.



**Monday 10th Sept.
@ 11 am**

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 September
@ 6.30 pm**

DRINKS ON THE DECK

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.

57969247 & Contact Judy



**Saturday 22nd Sept.
@ 12 - 2**

HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET

Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.

at 94 Old Highlands Rd

Enquiries? - Candi 57969366

**Saturday 22nd &
Sunday 23rd Sept.**

43rd VICTORIAN ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

in the Strathbogie Ranges

Covering some excellent terrain in the Bogies - see article on p.3 for further details. Why not be in it??

**Sunday 23rd September
@ 2pm**

RuffArtZ

RuffArtZ "Sensational Sundays Matinee"

at Ruffy Community Hall

Ship: The Journey of Ticonderoga 1852 Portsea, Victoria: a true story of tragedy, heroism and hope – a one-man show, written and performed by Michael Veitch. Tickets \$25, includes afternoon tea. Please book early to ensure your seat.

Bookings: Christine 0419 561 386 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com

**Every second
Wednesday
10.30-12.30**

MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

at Highlands Community Hall

The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - **August 29th Sept 12th & 26th Oct 10th & 24th Nov 7th & 21st and Dec 5th & 19th** Don't forget the cake and coffee a \$4 bargain

**Every Monday
10 am**

YOGA AT RUFFY

at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

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Conversations with Richard Fidler

Not all "good reads" necessarily have to be read. What? I hear you cry. Well for those of us who do lots of country driving CDs, MP3 thingys and podcasts are an option for whiling away the miles. Fortuitously I have just discovered a brilliant selection of these gems entitled "Conversations with Richard Fidler". A name remembered from the Doug Anthony All-stars, he has grown up a bit since then, and now hosts an hour long radio show which is a delight. No matter who he interviews from the well-known... Jennifer Saunders, Magda Szubanski, or Bill Bailey...to a heap of "unknown" but, equally fascinating, people, you will be diverted and enthralled by the stories they have to tell. Getting out of the car at your destination could be problematic, as could driving along and wiping away tears of joy and/or sadness as the stories unfold - you won't want them to stop! And as for the Fine Cotton Ring-in Affair ... well, what could possibly have gone wrong? Pop into the Mobile Library to borrow or reserve one of the CDs.



Spring has Sprung @ Darren Gilbert's Open Studio

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September

10.00 am to 4.00 pm each day

2742 Highlands Road, Highlands

A unique studio experience in the Strathbogie Ranges, 1.5 hours from Melbourne.

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Keep up to date with Open Studio days & times on the Website & Facebook.

Monkey Tail Designs -

<http://www.monkeytaildesign.com>

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/darren.gilbert.503>



Important dates for NDIS information

NDIS & Mental Health Information Session **Wed. 19th Sept 10.00am – 12.00pm** Euroa Community Conference Centre

NDIS Information Session for Carers **Wed. 3 Oct. 6.00pm-8.00pm** Euroa Community Conference Centre

These local bridges will be CLOSED to all traffic during the start date to finish date period. **NB: Note the NEW dates!**

Start Date	Finish Date	Road / Bridge
Tue 11/9/18	Fri 28/9/18	Oak Valley Rd Longwood
Mon 17/9/18	Fri 5/10/18	Grimwade Rd Longwood
Seek alternative routes during these closure periods.		

Seymour in Spring - a festival of events

An amazing list of events encompassing all of Spring between 1 September to 30 November has been collated. The website already lists a number of events and is still growing. Seymour in Spring invite the community to peruse the events and help promote Seymour to visitors and friends www.seymouris.com.au Keep an eye out for the pocket size booklet which provides a listing of the events plus community group information which will be a handy guide for all. Copies can be found at the Seymour Visitor Information Centre at the Old Courthouse on Emily St or at shops around Seymour. There are many event highlights including - Seymour Show Off, Seymour Performers Workshop - One Act Play festival and Grease The Musical, Tastes of the Goulburn Food and Wine Festival, Art Beyond the Divide, guided nature and sustainability walks, Cheesemaking 101, kidding shed tours to see newly born baby goats, a unique vegetarian lunch, winery open days, outdoor cinema, Vic Fish Kids at the new fishing platform and much, much more. There is definitely something for everyone.

Enquiries? Contact **Cynthia Lim 0403 831 520** or email events@seymouris.com.au

Rogaining anyone?

The 43rd Victorian Rogaining Championships are a cross country navigation event for teams on foot being held east of Strathbogie on **22-23 September 2018**. There will be a 24-hour event over the weekend which forms the annual State championships; there is also a 6-hour event starting noon on the Saturday and finishing before dark. The bulk of the participants will be assembled to enjoy their rogaine by bushwalking in some superb terrain and challenging themselves at their own appropriate levels. Some of these teams might cover 5, 10 or 20 km and be unconcerned about speed and distance. Their enjoyment will come from finding the checkpoints, the creeks, the different forests and various animals. At a different level this is the pre-eminent annual rogaining event in Victoria with a proud history dating back to the founding of the sport in 1976; we expect some very fit teams who are elite navigators both during night and day. Several of these teams will cover more than 50 km during the 24 hours including some difficult terrain. Especially at the senior levels, Victoria has a talented group of over 60-year-old rogainers who are highly competitive at our regular world rogaining championships. Young adults are very much encouraged in what is a wholesome outdoor activity with a strong focus on appreciating and caring for the natural environment, teamwork, self-reliance and leadership skills. The course for 2018 is a mix of farmland, light forest and some difficult scarps, and teams will be encouraged to select where they go based upon their experience; advice is available on the day to assist the route choices.

All rogaining events welcome beginners. Details are available from vra.rogaine.asn where the nature of the sport and basic requirements are explained. More information on 43 VRC will be added closer to the event. Further enquiries?

Neil Phillips 0417 300 400.



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