



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Three weeks into this new job and I have a grovelling apology to make—I forgot to put in a by-line for Scott McKay's delightfully entertaining expose on cricket! How could I have forgotten? I have always devoured with a chuckle anything written by Scotty over the years, I probably just assumed "everyone" would know his very distinctive and diverting style of writing. Wrong. Sorry Scott, it won't happen again, promise. I'm still on trainer wheels.....

The articles and ads just keep on coming and it's great to see that Miranda's filing cabinet now has a new home. For anyone who places an ad in future issues it will run for 3 weeks, space permitting, and I would very much appreciate it if you could inform me when the item has sold, the vacancy has been filled or that you have found what you were looking for. And speaking of looking for—Kenny Koala found himself cycling. Until next week, stay warm or cool. Pauline

READERS WRITE

In response to Stuart's RRRRR— 'What do you think?'..... read on

In response to Stuart thoughts, I would like to add my own thoughts in relation to food waste.

I would change the order of the slogan to **Re-educate, Re-think, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

One of the major problem facing the world today is food waste. The irony is, while many regions of the world do not have enough affordable food, the developed world is now working out strategies to reduce the amount of food it wastes and how to solve the obesity crisis.

In Australia the waste is estimated at \$20B, European Union 28 is 143B Euros and the United States of America is 1US\$Trillion.

Other aspects to food waste in Australia are;

- Up to 25 per cent of all vegetables produced don't leave the farm
- The total cost of agricultural food losses to farmers is \$2.84 billion.
- Households throw away 3.1 million tonnes of edible food.
- Food waste costs to households vary from \$2,200 to \$3,800.
- 2.2 million tonnes of food is wasted from the commercial and industrial sectors.

Australian governments both state and federal have developed a strategy to turn this issue around.

The government's way forward is to make an initial investment of \$1 million, this will be provided to organisations to deliver this work. An additional \$370,000 in funding will support **two** research projects. This money will be spent over 2 years.

From this it clear that this problem is going to solved by the people, as government is clearly not going to give this the importance is needs, \$1.36M over 2 years is not going to solve a \$20B problem

I think the key drivers to turn this around are;

Changes in behaviour and product expectation.

Shop more often and only buy what is required.

Effective use of Use by or Best by dates, without compromising food safety.

The use of new technology to indicate if the product has been stored in accordance to its requirements.

Reduce the use of marketing techniques to get consumers to buy more than is required,

Innovation in packaging smaller and safer packaging.

Looking forward to your comments.

Neil van Buuren—Blue Top Farm.

Source;<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/food-waste-neil-van-buuren/?trackingId=aMp3yDmlHWrwVMbFH3gadA%3D%3D>



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The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)
US journalist, civil war soldier & wit.

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.

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The Granite News

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December	62.8 mm	62 mm
2018 Total	62.8 mm	62 mm
January Rain Days	7 Days	6 Days

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — February & March 2018



HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Highlands-Caveat RFB have a limited quantity of brand new **Uniden Digital Scanners (fire radios) UBCD436-PT** that are surplus to their requirements.

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**Monday 5th
February
10 am**

YOGA AT RUFFY

at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy

Returning Monday Feb 5, at 10am, Yoga with Kylie Penny. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$15 per class. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com

**Wednesday 7th
February
7.45 pm**

RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (RCAG) MEETING at Tablelands Community Centre

—all welcome, come along and contribute to your community. **Enquiries? - Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450**

**Friday 9th
February
7.30pm**

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.

Contact Judy 5796 9247

**Monday 12th
February
11 am**

HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB

After a holiday break the Highlands Spinning Club will resume for their first 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 16th
February
7.30pm**

HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING

The first meeting for 2018 will be held at the Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy. All welcome.

Enquiries? - contact Mel 0417 126 975

**Saturday 17th
February
2-4 pm**

COME ALONG AND HAVE A TEALY GOOD TIME !

February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to assist OC research a fundraising afternoon tea(l) will be held at the Y Water Discovery Centre in Yea from 2-4pm. Great food, live music and the chance to purchase some excellent auction items ensure a fun afternoon for a good cause. Best dressed in teal = prize! **RSVP for catering by Feb. 12th to Pauline 0427 529551**

**Last Friday of the
month**

MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams

will be visiting the Ruffy Community Centre once a month for remedial massage sessions commencing on **Friday 23rd February**. Treatments commence at 10am. For further details and to book a session contact Kristy on 0409 999957.

**Saturday 24th
February
7.30 for 8pm start**

RUFFARTZ—CAFE CULTURE SERIES 2018

Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd

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**Saturday 3rd
March
10.30 for 11 am
start**

ANNUAL HIGHLANDS .v. RUFFY CRICKET MATCH

@ the MCG—Molesworth Cricket Ground

Forget the Ashes this is the cricketing highlight of the year! Anyone interested in playing please contact Scott McKay 0427 969259 ASAP. The Molesworth Hotel will be the venue for lunch at 1.30pm.



CFA ROSTERS

Highlands/Caveat Radio Sched & Drive - Richard Wallis & Jeff Swain —Sun 11/2 @ 8.15am

Terip Tennis Tournament

Terip's annual tournament was played on Saturday 13th January and, despite some late showers, it was a perfect day for tennis.

It was great to see many new faces making their debut on the Terip courts along with many familiar faces, a total of 38 players and numerous spectators enjoying the tennis and the chance to relax and catch up off the court.

We would like to thank those that contributed on the day and to the kind donors of prizes and food. But mostly a big thanks to everyone that attended and we hope we will see you all again next year.

WINNERS

MEN

Section 1

Winner – Peter Wallis (Melbourne/Terip)

R/Up- John Kelly (Euroa)

Section 2

Winner – Matthew Lawrence (Terip)

R/Up – Lachie Boyle (Benalla)

WOMEN

Section 1

Winner—Cindy Hayes (Terip)

R/Up—Frances Lawrence (Terip)

Section 2

Winner—Sally Kubeil (Terip)

R/Up—Mary Kelly (Euroa) & Marlene Knelle (Broadford)



DRINKS ON THE DECK

We will have a special guest at our next Drinks on the Deck in February. Our State Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish, will be joining us to meet members of our community and share in a meal. Weather permitting, we may even get to have a 'drink on the deck'.

We are hoping that many members in our community will join us on the 9th February to welcome Cindy into the Highlands area. It will be a great opportunity to talk to Cindy, to get to know her and make her aware of what a friendly and hospitable group of people we are.

Highlands Hall will open at 6.30pm on Friday 9th Feb. Everyone is welcome. BYO drink & a meal to share. More information? Judy Cameron 5796 9247

Last week we farewelled Merv Shaw at the Terip Ruffy church. Merv was active in so many areas: a farmer, engineer, youth worker, JP and Bail Justice, church and community work, truck driver and stock carrier, Yarck Store proprietor, philanthropist and conservationist to mention just a few. And he was a great mate. The little Church was filled to overflowing with the many people whose lives were touched by Merv. Despite the heat people remained to share stories about Merv's life. There were stock agents, farmers, people who had been on Merv's mail run, truckers and carriers to mention just a few. Memories of Merv's deeds will live on long after his passing. Not long ago he donated a large parcel of land as a conservation property at Gobur for the community to enjoy in perpetuity. His kindness to those less fortunate was legendary, and the trucking community knew they could always rely on a cuppa at the Yarck shop no matter what time of night, even if they had to let themselves in with the hidden key! Our sympathies are extended to Merv's wife, Jenni and his family.

Farewell Merv- you will be fondly remembered by many. Justus Hagen



Longwood Beer, Wine & Cider Festival - Saturday March 3

Longwood Recreation Reserve, Down St, Longwood. This exciting new outdoor event will showcase a selection of craft breweries, local wineries and cider makers. Food stalls from local community groups and small businesses will feature as well as lawn games for the young and old and some great live music to listen to in our "beer garden". Main acts are Benny Walker and Tom Richardson, plus some local talent. The festival runs from 2pm - 9pm, with courtesy buses available from advertised locations - let us know if you have a large group and we can add a pickup (small fee involved). No BYO Alcohol. No Pets. Feel free to bring your picnic rug or comfy chair.

Pre-sale tickets: \$25/Adult - \$35 at the gate (Under 18s Free)

Jump on our website or Facebook page to purchase tickets or for more details.

www.longwoodforthe love ofale.com.au

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As we come out of this heatwave, it's time to consider what to plant this Autumn/Winter. We collect local indigenous seeds and 'grow to order' at our nursery. We have 183 species available. It's important to order now as this allows enough time to grow plants to be collected from April onwards. Prices are on our website.

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Jayco Herald Sun Tour—now we see them, now we don't!

Well if you blinked you would have missed them but 108 tour cyclists whizzed through our neck of the woods last Saturday. Tour Director, and ex-Olympian, John Trevorrow said he just loved our beautiful part of Victoria and had to include it in this year's tour - YES!!



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