



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As mentioned in a previous issue of TGN, the weather warms up, the sun comes out and suddenly the Tablelands are a hive of social activity. The winter hibernation has ceased, bring on the workshops, Art festivals, CFA activities, Cup Day luncheons, music & dancing girls. We have it all up here! On a more sobering note - the CFA Summer Fire Restriction Period will commence on **Monday 12th November**. And don't forget the HCCC Monthly Meeting, AGM & Fox on the Run Awards **Friday 16th Nov.** (see calendar for details). All welcome. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** - stayed on board the truck for Highlands/Caveat's training.

HCCC News

Greetings all,

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) is inviting producers to become involved in soil discussion groups as part of a healthy productive soils program. It's a great offer for producer groups wanting to get more in-depth with their soils from MLA.

MLA want to pilot 10 soil discussion groups across their Southern Feedbase region (up to Wagga) to a tune of \$25,000 each, to cover facilitation costs, small trials, soil pits and guest speakers to investigate a common soil issue/constraint that is affecting their pasture production.

This is a new and exciting initiative and I am wondering if anyone is interested in getting a group of farmers / landholders together to participate in this program.

If you have any interest in forming a group to get funding for this work an EOI form is an attachment with this issue of TGN. The larger farms in the HCCC catchment have been included to start an application process. Please add your name if you are interested in joining the group and add any ideas as to how you would like to spend this money and any issues you have with soil. Please save the changes and email it back to me at hughes.creek1@gmail.com

I look forward to your response.

Cheers,

Neil van Buuren

Facilitator Weeds and Pest animals

Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela

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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Wanted

A bee swarm, as sadly the previous one did not last the winter. Happy to travel to pick one up and we can also capture a wild swarm from a tree or gate if needed. Please ring **Melissa 0404 833388** if you can assist.

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
October	56.5 mm	?? mm
2018 Total	507.3 mm	?? mm
October Rain Days	6 Days	?? 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 — November 2018

Monday 5th November @ 11am NB - DATE CHANGE!!	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. <i>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</i>
Tuesday 6th November 12 noon	TERIP TERIP'S Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon Yet another highlight on the Terip social calendar. Chicken & champagne lunch, sweepstakes, prizes!! Ticket prices \$20 per adult & \$50 per family. <i>See previous attachments. RSVPs - Oct 28 Kerri 57904191 Jenny 57904095</i>
Tuesday 13th Nov. @ 7.30pm	HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT CFA TRAINING NB - DATE CHANGE!! at Highlands Fire Shed Come along and get some night training in before the fire season starts. <i>Enquiries? Callum 0437 182223</i>
Friday 9th November 1 - 4pm	ACIDIC SOILS & LIMING RATES WORKSHOP at Molesworth Hall UGLN is conducting a workshop on Acidic Soils and Liming Rates, entry is free and afternoon tea will be provided. See attachment in this week's TGN. <i>Details? - Judy 57974405 or uglandcare@ugln.net</i>
Friday 9th November @ 6.30pm	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. <i>57969247 & Contact Judy</i>
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th November	RUFFY ARTFEST at Ruffy Community Hall & other venues A weekend of Art and Open Gardens, not to mention the cutest donkeys in the world. See ad on p.3 and attachment in this week's TGN. <i>Enquiries? Contact Robyn 57903275</i>
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November 10 - 5	YEA & DISTRICT OPEN GARDENS various locations in & around Yea 10 exceptional gardens open in Yea & District. For further information see attachment in this week's TGN. <i>Enquiries? 0448 511139</i>
Monday 12th November @ 7.30pm	RUFFY CFA Pre-Season Meeting at Ruffy Fire Shed <i>Enquiries - contact J Hagen 0427 524473</i>
Wednesday 14th November @ 7.45pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP AGM at Tablelands Community Centre Please note change of date. <i>Enquiries? Melissa McDowell 04027 833388</i>
Thursday 15th November 5.30-7.30pm	RURAL & SMALL TOWNS FORUM - It's hard being a farmer & marketer See article on p.3 & attachment in this week's TGN for details. RSVPs essential by 10am on Tuesday 13th Nov.
Friday 16th November 6pm—HCCC AGM followed by Fox on the Run presentations	HCCC Meeting / AGM & FOX on the RUN presentation night at Tablelands Comm. Centre The HCCC Monthly meeting and the AGM will be held prior to the Fox on the Run presentations. All welcome.  <i>Enquiries - contact Justus 5790 4268</i>
Saturday 17th Nov. @8pm Doors open @ 7.30pm 	RUFFARTZ "Café Culture Series" at Ruffy Community Hall Bollywood: a joyous, beautiful and vibrant celebration of Indian Culture. Join us for the final fabulous show of 2018! Tickets \$25, BYO drinks & nibbles. Please book early to ensure your seat. <i>Bookings: Christine 0419 561 386 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com</i>
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 - Nov 7th & 21st and Dec 5th & 19th Don't forget the cake and coffee a bargain @ \$4!
Every Monday 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY 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 kyliepenny@gmail.com



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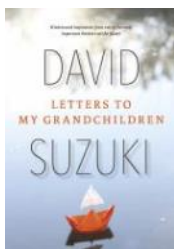
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Letters to my Grandchildren - David Suzuki

82 year old elder and respected environmental scientist, David Suzuki, has taken pen to paper to write some very moving & thought-provoking letters to his 5 grandchildren. They cover his long life experiences, including his family's internment his family during WWII, despite the fact he was a 3rd generation Canadian, and his thoughts on a range of topics, mainly environmental but humanitarian as well. Easy to read and with some excellent ideas to ponder it can be reserved at the Mobile Library.



Highlands/Caveat CFA

CFA Training Dates - For all those who weren't able to attend the previous training sessions there will be one more session on - **Tuesday November 13th** commencing @ 7.30pm. **It is essential that any member wishing to remain an active crew member attends this final training evening.**



Highlands Mobile Phone Tower Launch

What a wonderful turnout for the Community Celebration of the installation of the Highlands Mobile Phone Tower. Cathy McGowan and staff, Murrindindi Council members Cr Charlie Bisset, Cr Sandice McAuly (recently elected Mayor), Cr Leigh Dunscombe and Cr Rebecca Bowles, along with MSC CEO Craig Lloyd joined many local community members for an exceptional afternoon tea, provided by the Highlands Community Hall Committee. We were able to discuss many issues with Cathy and Councillors, both positive and negative details, regarding the mobile reception in the local area. These were taken on board and can, hopefully, be rectified in the near future. Cathy pointed out that the Highlands Tower was part of the Mobile Black Spot Program, that many towers have been commissioned in the Murrindindi district, with more to come in the future.



The Shelter Shed Shop @ Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy

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Open weekends and Public holidays. Sellers and volunteers most welcome with profits supporting the Tablelands Community Centre. If you are able to assist with staffing, for up to 4 hours, on a weekend please contact Fiona [0427 690 970](tel:0427690970) or Felicity [0413 483 450](tel:0413483450)

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2018

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Unfortunately this information wasn't received in time to publicise yesterday's walk, but put the remaining dates in your diaries for 2019 as this series of walks is a great way to explore the area.

Festive Social Season - save these dates!!

The Ruffy Community Xmas Party will be held this year on **Saturday 8th December** commencing at 6:30pm.

Friday 30th November sees the End of Year BBQ at the Highlands Hall.



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