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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

The other week I watched a documentary about Greenland and the problems that the third largest island in the world is having with its climate and ice and snow retention. It was very interesting but somewhat depressing at the same time. Greenland is 2700kms long by 1500kms wide with an ice sheet 3.5kms thick! The interesting part was the fact that this ice sheet contains 8% of the world's fresh water, the depressing bit was that since 2004 the ice melt has exceeded the snow fall on this immense island with a resultant 30 billion tons of fresh water ice being converted to salt water each year. As a result the agricultural practices on the island are being affected too and life is changing.

In my "day job" I work at the Y Water Discovery Centre where, amongst other things, I welcome groups of school children to discover more about water, wetlands and the environment. Unlike most of us who enjoy the delight of fresh rainwater from tanks, most of the children visiting come from towns with reticulated water supplies and think that water flowing from their home taps is an infinite resource. By the time they leave the centre they are certainly aware that this is not the case and are more conscious of how precious this finite resource actually is—which can only be a good thing for the next generation to be aware of, me thinks. Until next week, Pauline

And Kenny? He was keeping an eye on the border collie herding the sheep.

HCCC News

As you may or may not be aware the HCCC—Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is the organisation responsible for the publication of this great little newsletter, amongst many other things Landcare based, in the local area. Last week the HCCC annual general meeting was held and the following office bearers elected—President—Scott Mackay

Vice President—Rob Hayes

Secretary—Justus Hagen

Treasurer—Neville Ford

With the imminent departure of the HCCC's facilitator—Mel Bronca to Swan Hill for work opportunities this position has now become vacant.

The committee would not only like to thank Mel for her efforts over the last few years but also call for Expressions of Interest from any community members who would like to take on the position of "**Pest Plant and Animal Facilitator**". The job is part-time (up to 2 days or .4) per week and a job description can be obtained from Scott Mackay 57969259.

The committee would also like to remind all its readers that *The Granite News* is funded by HCCC Landcare and supported by our permanent advertisers.

If you would like to make a donation to further support *The Granite News* you can contact the editor for HCCC Landcare's bank details. This year we will need to update software to enable TGN to be edited and published more efficiently. Many thanks to all those readers who've chosen to make a donation previously.....your support is very much appreciated.

An Invitation for dinner with Jaala Pulford (Victorian Agricultural Minister)

Thursday 22nd March 6 for 6.30pm Gateway Quality Hotel, Wangaratta

To book <https://www.trybooking.com/339363> \$60 per head



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

www.facebook.com/HCCCLandcare

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



Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.au

"It's up to us leave a healthy planet for our children's children. What the environment needs now is nurturing, which calls for perception & a commitment to long-term goals for the benefit of others." - Ita Buttrose

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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Community Notices & Classifieds

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

Thursday 22nd February 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat. 	at Caveat Church
Saturday 24th February 10.30 – 1pm	POLLINATORS IN YOUR GARDEN Like to find out more about the birds and the bees? Come along and hear presenter Karen Petra tell you more. RSVP to Val Kneebone—0419 328731 or Vicki Lane—0429 127399	3rd Age Clubrooms, Kirkland Ave, Euroa
Saturday 24th February 7.30 for 8pm 	RUFFARTZ—CAFE CULTURE SERIES 2018 The Pacific Belles. Fabulous singing trio inspired the glamour of the 1940's. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25. Season Tickets 4 shows for \$75. Please book early to ensure your seat. An excellent evening's entertainment ***** Bookings: Chrissy 0419 561 386 email: ruffartztickets@gmail.com www.ruffartz.com.au Don't Forget the Pacific Belles Workshop also happening @ 1pm on this day	Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Rd
Sunday 25th February 10.15 - 12	CFA COMMUNITY FIREGUARD MEETING A community meeting to discuss the Fireguard program and local implementation is being held—see attachment for further details. To register your interest ring Andrea Whitaker 0417 369225 RSVP by 20/2	at Highlands Hall
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.	
Saturday 3rd March 7pm	TERIP TERIP TRIVIA NIGHT NOTE—Change of Date!! Come along and have a GREAT night out testing your local knowledge! Tickets are \$10, please bring a plate for supper. Contact Robyn 0407 358191 or Hayley 0408 577393	Terip Rec. Reserve
Saturday 3rd March 2—9pm	LONGWOOD BEER, WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL This exciting new outdoor event will showcase a selection of craft breweries, local wineries & cider makers. Games for the young & music for all. Pre-sale tickets \$25, at the Gate \$35 & kids free. See website for more..	Longwood Recreation Reserve. Down St
Friday 9th March 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK 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. 	at Highlands Community Hall Contact Judy 5796 9247
Monday 12th March 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	
Every Monday 10 am	YOGA AT 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	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
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.	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
	CFA ROSTERS Highlands/Caveat Radio Sched & Drive - Frits Pompe & Chris Bennett —Sun 25/2 @ 8.15am	CFA radios still available @ \$180 each—ring 0427 529551

Look who came to Dinner.....

At the last Drinks on the Deck our local member for Eildon, Cindy McIntosh, came to dinner. A pleasant night was had by all and it was great to see Cindy visiting the far end of her electorate and catching up with the locals. If anyone else in the Highlands/Caveat area, or even further afield, would like an enjoyable, social evening out then the second Friday each month at the Highlands Hall is definitely the place to be. Bring along something to share in the food and drink department and get set for a good night out.



Bon appetit!

Photos courtesy of
TGNOP



Change the date all you Trivia buffs

The Terip Trivia Night will now be held on **Saturday 3rd March** so as not to coincide with the Ruffartz event.

It's time to test your local knowledge and join in the fun at this excellent event!

The night will **commence at 7pm** at the Terip Rec. Reserve.

Tickets cost \$10. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a supper plate to share.

Tickets are limited & need to be purchased by **Monday 26th February at the latest.**

To book, please contact:

Robyn 0407 358 191, Hayley 0408 577 393, Kerri 0408 373 789, Sue 5790 4277 or Geoff 0428 324 431.

And a very special date for your diaries....

April 25th - Anzac Day Service will observe a special planting of a lone pine tree in memory of men and women from the district who have served in all wars. Further details to come.

The Boathole @ Ruffy

Did you learn to swim at the Boathole?

Or perhaps have picnics down there? If so the Ruffy Community Action Group is seeking stories and pictures to be displayed on an information sign as well as collating an accurate history - keeping it alive for future generations.

Please email your information, questions or even your availability for a meeting to discuss your experiences to

ruffycommunity@gmail.com

Council Grants are 'open for business'

Murrindindi Shire Council has opened its first ever round of Business and Tourism Innovation Grants. This round is open from **Wednesday 14 February until 3pm Wednesday 14 March**. These grants will grow investment and jobs and also support tourism events to attract visitors to Murrindindi Shire and are available to help to start new businesses, help grow existing businesses and to support sustainable events that grow tourism.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, all the information you need is on Council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants. If you are not sure if your project or idea is ready, then have a look at the Business Support stream which can help with mentoring, financial advice or other services to help you take the next step. If you would like to discuss making an application there are a number of options available. You can:

1. Come along to our information session at **9.30 – 11.00am on Wednesday 21 February 2018** at the Y Water Centre (please **RSVP** to grants@murrindindi.vic.gov.au by **Monday 19 Feb 2018**)
2. Book in a one-on-one meeting with one of our officers where you can learn more about the grants process and eligibility. Meetings will be held on **Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 February**. Watch our website for further information about these sessions.
3. Phone Council and speak to one of our Customer Service team on 5772 0333.

Good News from the ATO—yes there is such a thing

The Australian Tax Office (ATO) has produced a fact sheet on the tax incentives for primary producers for establishing shelterbelts entitled **“Establishing shelterbelts on land used in primary production business: Can I claim a tax deduction? What you need to know”** (Dec. 2016).

The fact sheet was developed in a partnership between the ATO and the Basalt to Bay Landcare Network, and provides primary producers with useful information on the taxation, productivity and biodiversity benefits that can result from the establishment of shelterbelts.

The PDF of the fact sheet is available via <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/resources/tax-incentives-for-establishing-shelterbelts/>

The Shelter Shed Shop @ Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy

**** Bric a Brac & Book Exchange****

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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