



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day



Well, to quote a much-loved TV show of my childhood, Thunderbirds, "All systems are go!" It's nice to have one's brain cells and technology back in alignment this week and the usual delivery of TGN is assured. One thing that has popped up a couple of times in the last week though is a concern by previous contributors that their articles or calendar dates have been missing-in-action in 2018. Whilst those immediate issues have now been resolved the bigger picture is basically this - I can't put articles and dates into the newssheet if I don't know about them. I might be lots of things - feel free to fill in your own adjectives here - but psychic I'm not, so I need your help. Please make sure that if you have any articles or calendar dates/events that you email them to me at editor@tgn.org.au with enough lead time, especially in the case of diary dates, to get some "air play". Priority will be given to local news (within the TGN Tablelands' area or involving Tablelanders), Landcare/environmental issues and interesting, informative and/or entertaining articles, as well as the odd announcement from our 3 local councils that may well be of interest to, or impact upon, our local communities. News from further afield will be included as time and space allows. I've discovered that editing the TGN is a bit like trying to fit 27 people in, or on, a Datsun 180B (something that Peter has actually tried) - a bit of a challenge! Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny?..was still fraternising with ferals, this time with the rabbit in the ad.

HCCC News

Landcare invites all landholders to submit any ideas you may have for future environmental projects on your property be they immediate or long term. Funding application formats have changed and we are now required to have landholders lined up with 'expressions of interest' and 'letters of consent' before applications are submitted. Therefore it would be great to get your ideas onto our list so that we can develop projects around common themes. Of course there is no guarantee that our bid/s will be successful but having landholders on-board gives us a better chance of being selected.

Suggested themes might be :

- * Protecting PERCHED BOGS and WETLANDS
- * Fencing creeklines to protect WATERWAYS
- * Protecting and enhancing ROCKY OUTCROPS
- * Saving clumps of MATURE PADDOCK TREES
- * Building WILDLIFE CORRIDORS
- * Erecting NESTING BOXES
- * Planting TREE PLANTATIONS FOR STOCK SHADE AND SHELTER
- * Or any other ideas that you may have.....

Please contact Janet Hagen to discuss your ideas and fill out an expression of interest form - 57904268 or janethagen@gmail.com

As Marcia Hines once sang..."Something's missing in my life..." and maybe it is for you too. Judy has an impressive collection of "leftovers" from last year's Christmas party - platters, bowls, glasses, folding chairs. Ring 57969247 to claim yours back.

If you are one of the many ramblers who enjoy the monthly walks around our neck of the woods you may also be interested in the Mitchell Walkers. Check out their website - <http://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/item/mitchell-bushwalking-group>



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

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

Charles M. Schulz (Creator of Peanuts)

The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

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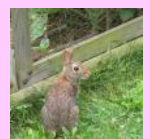
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WEBSITE of the WEEK

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Community Notices & Classifieds

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

 <p>Monday 12th March 11 am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</p> <p>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></p>
<p>Sat 17th March 10~3</p>	<p>A DAY with TAUNGURUNG on the SEVEN CREEKS at Euroa Footy Oval on the 7 Creeks bank Everyone is invited to join in the traditional Taungurung activities - see attached flier for further details</p>
<p>Sun 18th March 2-4</p>	<p>OXALIS WIND QUINTET Avenel Memorial Hall, Queen St, Avenel Music for the entire family to enjoy ~ \$20 each, includes afternoon tea, see article on p.3 for more details</p>
<p>Thursday 22nd March 5.30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church  All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
<p>Friday 23rd March 6.30pm</p>	<p>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING The next meeting will be held at the Ruffy Store, commencing @ 6.30pm with dinner. All welcome. <i>Enquiries? - contact Justus 57904268</i></p>
<p>Saturday 24th March</p>	<p>FINAL CRICKET MATCH FOR THE SEASON at Beechworth A combined Tablelands team will take on the Riverine team. Further details TBC—watch this space!</p>
 <p>Sunday 25th March 9.30am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS A big thank you to Andrew Shaw & Louise Currie for leading our Ramblers Walks in 2017. Our first one for 2018 takes us to the Tallarook State Forest. This will mean an earlier start than usual—see previous issues.</p>
<p>Good Friday 30th March starts @ midday</p>	<p>ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY SEAFOOD LUNCH at Ruffy CFA Lots of great things to enjoy on this day and a chance to donate some money for the Good Friday Appeal. See page 3 article for all the details and contacts. Help support a worthy cause and have some fun too.</p>
<p>Sat 31 March ~ 29 April 10~4 daily</p>	<p>DENNIS SPITERI's NOCTURNE EXHIBITION 33 Old Highlands Rd, Highlands Dennis's unique and impressive art is again on display at his private studio. Come along and be inspired.</p>
<p>Sat 7th & Sun 8th April 10-4 ~ both days</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands Darren's studio, with his stunning, creative works will be open to the public on the first weekend each month, commencing in April. Quality art in the local community and not too far to travel to enjoy it.</p>
<p>Friday 13th April 6.30pm</p>	<p>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>Contact Judy 5796 9247</i></p>
<p>Sat 14th April Food @ 6.00 Music @ 7.30</p>	<p>KERRY N FIELDS & her band The Jimmie Deans at the Ruffy Store Every song tells a story with Fields' huge personality and striking voice melding perfectly with her alt-country roots and style. Tickets \$30 each. Bookings essential. <i>Contact Helen 57904387</i></p>
<p>Every Monday 10 am</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Last Friday of the month</p>	<p>MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Kristy Adams is visiting the Ruffy Community Centre once a month for remedial massage sessions. Treatments commence at 10am. For further details, or to book a session, contact Kristy on 0409 999957.</p>

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

Annual Good Friday Appeal & Lunch

Fancy a seafood lunch at Ruffly CFA? Come along on **Friday 30th March 2018, STARTS 12.00 midday**

There will be fire truck demonstrations, kids activities, an Easter egg hunt and maybe even a special visitor with floppy ears!

Don't be surprised if you see a red fire truck travelling up your driveway on Good Friday morning with tins rattling! You know what to do....

VOLUNTEERS are needed to provide salads or sweets please contact Bron Jamieson 0409 935 176 or Chris La Garde 0400 446 623

Enquiries George Noye, Captain - Ruffly CFA 0432 928 301 or Felicity Sloman RCH Good Friday Appeal coordinator - Ruffly CFA 0413 483 450



Dennis Spiteri - local artist - Open Studio

You are invited to view 'Nocturnes' - a new exhibition by Dennis Spiteri.

The exhibition will run from **Saturday 31st March to Sunday 29th April.**

**at the Hillcrest Gallery,
33 Old Highlands Road, Highlands**

Gallery hours: **10am - 4pm** every day during the exhibition.

Phone: 03 57969373 Email: dennispiteri@activ8.net.au



Dennis' new exhibition 'Nocturnes' is a series of six paintings he finished in 2011 and has not been exhibited before. It is next in line to be shown as, since the gallery opened in 2004, each series has been exhibited chronologically. As with most of Dennis' work this was inspired by music—Chopin's piano pieces 'Nocturnes', music he has known & loved for about 45 years but for some reason, in 2009, the music inspired this series.

HOWZAT?! HIGHLANDS . V . RUFFY @ MOLESWORTH Saturday 3rd March 2018 by Scott Mackay

New Ruffly Captain Maggins realised he was in trouble when the Ruffly selector could only muster 8 fit and healthy players (the definition of a fit and healthy player is a heartbeat), Fortunately the Highlands' selector, who is mathematically challenged, arrived with 14 of the Tablelands' finest. A quick draft was organised and Duncan Ferguson and his mate Mat went 1 and 2 closely followed by Callum Lawson (who qualified by the new rule that he had built a couple of sheds in Ruffly that haven't fallen down yet) at 3. Jim McCooley was chosen as the last pick in the Rookie draft - there is no suggestion that he was the little fat kid picked last! (I promised myself that I would not lower my journalistic standards to the level of Tardy and Gutter press but as I am not a journalist's bootlace I'll have to go with the other two).

The Highlands' captain was originally optimistic having jettisoned the flotsam of his list but in a gross mis-judgment of talent by the Highlands' list manager, Ruffly proceeded to hit a record 93 off 20 overs at nearly 5 an over, thanks to Ben Ives (26 no), Greg Pritchard (21), Duncan Ferguson (24 no) and his mate Mat (22 no).

Highlands came out steady with Doug Phillips (10) Tom McCooley (29) Alan Jarrott (29) and Byron (4) - apparently he is the only Indian who can't play cricket - and when Jim McCooley bowled Lachlan Phillips for 8, Ruffly was looking good taking a 3 run lead into the lunch break.

Although not part of the meticulous planning that goes into this day a long lunch was convened at the Molesworth Hotel with a lot of fluid replacement. This was enjoyed by both teams, and the 7 spectators, before we ventured forth to do battle in the second innings.

The Highlands' bowlers were miserly in the second Innings with Ethan Aldous, Hamish McAlpin, Doug Phillips being ably backed up by the return after a long injury lay-off (all nought to do with cricket) of Andrew Shaw (2-23). Callum (13), Maggins (16), Harry Sleight (27) and Alice Springs refugee Tom Slattery (7 no) carried Ruffly to a very respectable 177.

The game was in the balance as Highlanders Lachlan (8), Byron (4) and Brent (3) fell quickly giving Ruffly a sniff. Scott (24 no), Hamish (20 no) and Shawry, an entertaining 14, got the equation (whatever that is) back to a run a ball before Highlands released the super youth in Angus Shaw and Ethan Aldous, who took to the bowling of double agent Jim McCooley (who ironically had been fielding at third man all day). Needing 18 off the last 3 overs the 2 youngsters made short work of it taking quick singles, which they turned into a 2 on the return throw and then a 3 on the miss field allowing Highlands' score to reach approximately 183 before stumps were drawn.

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B.O.G went to Ben Ives for Ruffly and Ethan Aldous for Highlands for consistent efforts with both Bat and Ball.

Best on Ground for the day had to be Slugger the umpire who top scored with 48 wides distributed evenly across both sides.

Final game of the year is at Beechworth versus the Riverine club on Saturday 24th March.

Don't forget that the HCCC is seeking EOIs from any community members who would not only like to take on the position of "Pest Plant and Animal Facilitator" but also tender for erecting 8 signs around the area. Contact Scott 57969259 for details.



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