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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Welcome back to the next issue of The Granite News for 2019. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the Easter break and is looking forward to a much needed autumn break for rain. However, by comparison to our neighbours in South Australia, we are lucky in that we still have some grass in our paddocks here. True it might be dry, white and have little nutritional value but we still have some ground covering unlike the SA paddocks which are down to bare earth and a couple of weeks ago provided the top soil dust-storm that blanketed Adelaide. Rock on rain!! Until next week, **Pauline**

And **Kenny?** - was highlighting one of TGN's available advertising spaces. Many thanks to those advertisers who have supported TGN this year. If anyone else is interested in advertising within one of the available spaces please contact the Editor for further details. editor@tgn.org.au

Letter to Editor

Hello editor, The Festival of Small Halls in Merton was an amazing success thanks to all the contributions of local people and the local grapevine and newsletters—the Granite News. It was great to see the community come together and enjoy each other's company and have fun. The historic Merton Memorial Hall looked a treat on the night—she has scrubbed up well! It's wonderful to see the community gathering space put to good use. Your help with publicity in the local newsletter was essential—thank you for your generous support and helping us to spread the word in our community.

Cheers, **Margaret FitzGerald** Committee for Festival of Small Halls in Merton

HCCC News



A few points, from a recent HCCC meeting, that may be of interest to all. Rabbits are still the number one pest in Australia, although hares are increasing in numbers. And then there's deer!!

Soil carbon is reduced by many factors; burning, deep ripping, droughts, etc. Good farming practice is the best way to increase carbon in the soil - deep rooted and perennial pastures.

Platypus are still present along Whiteheads Creek at the Oak St bridge in Seymour. The WHC Flood Plain Management Group has now been formed with reps from Mitchell Shire, GBCMA, and community members. There will be a Platypus Monitoring Workshop. Peter Mitchell is monitoring creek sections along the walking track once a week in the same place. See **TGN Vol13. Issue 4 (10th Feb 2019) Website of the Week** for further details.

An inspection, by Shane Monk (Taungurung), after the recent Boathole fire has found indigenous grinding grooves near Boathole-Chestnut Creek.



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



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James Fraser - Melbourne Water's Waterwatch Co-ordinator

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**

Dates for your Diary

The 15th UFO (UnFinished Objects) weekend is on again Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May at the Highlands Hall. Anyone interested in furthering or finishing some craftwork is welcome to come along and join in the fun. For further details - 0427 529551 RSVPs by May 3rd.

Art Clearance Sale

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
March	18.6 mm	29.5 mm
2019Total	48.4 mm	29.5 mm
March	6 Days	?? Days
Rain Days		

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — April & May

Mon. 1st - Sun 28th April 10am - 4pm daily	A MASS of LIFE - Dennis Spiteri's 2019 Exhibition at 94 Old Highlands Rd Dennis Spiteri's annual exhibition commences with a preview on March 30th and runs until April 28th. Bookings for the preview are essential contact Dennis on 57969373 or dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au
 ANZAC Day Service commences @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP's Annual ANZAC Day Service at Terip Terip Rec Reserve- All people in the district are welcome, see attachment for further details. And don't forget the ANZAC Biscuit Bake-off. Bring along 6 of your best ANZAC biscuits to be judged on the day.
Thursday 25th April @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ
Saturday 27th April 10 - 12	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 57969366
Saturday 27th April	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS For further details please contact Andrew Shaw - 0427 969297
Saturday 27th April @ 8.45am to 1pm	RIPARIAN WALK #4 - County Creek, Ruffy meet at Ruffy Fire Shed Back by popular demand the Strathbogie Conservation Management Network will help you explore the local waterways. See p.3 for further details.
Saturday 27th April @ 8pm 	RUFFARTZ presents THE NEW HIP at Ruffy Public Hall It's an intelligent, insightful, biting honest comedy presented in a musical show by television's Steve Blackburn and his trio. Tickets available at ruffartztickets@gmail.com or call Christine 0419 561836
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 10-4	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.
 Friday 10th May @ 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. 57969247 & Contact Judy
 Monday 13th May @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at - 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, at the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
 Monday 20th May @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre This enjoyable social event is open to all members of the community, come along, enjoy a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce and enjoy meeting others. NOTE: Day change for May!!
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. Why not pop in?? Term 2 dates for 2019 - April 24th, May 8th & 22nd, June 5th & 19th and July 3rd, 17th & 31st.
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Yoga with Kylie Penny is about to start. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$20 per class or \$153 per term paid upfront. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418 899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.
Every Wednesday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! at Ruffy Hall Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

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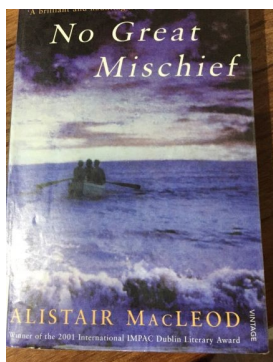
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No Great Mischief - Alistair MacLeod

Alistair MacLeod was an acclaimed Canadian writer of short stories (Cape Breton Islander to be exact) who only wrote this one novel in his life and what a gem it is. The prose is succinct and beautifully descriptive as it tells a story of migration, celebration and tragedy across generations of Nova Scotians. As the Irish author Colm Toibin so eloquently puts it, "This novel is close to being a masterpiece. The characters, the light and the weather, the story itself...stay with you for days afterwards. The novel is simply breathtaking in its emotional range." It has also been voted Atlantic Canada's greatest book of all time.



Why not reserve it from the mobile library?

Riparian Walk along County Creek

Another month, another beautiful walk, with this being the 4th in this series of SRCMN Riparian walks. Ruffy is proving to be a bounty of new and exciting waterways to discover, and we'll explore the beautiful County Creek this time. This walk is long (7km) and of moderate difficulty with some steep scrambles over loose, gravelly terrain. Hiking experience isn't necessary, but an average level of fitness and mobility will be required. Difficulty will increase drastically if wet weather precedes it, or if it's hot. We'll meet at the **Ruffy CFA shed** before driving out to the starting point at the bridge on Longwood-Ruffy Rd. From there, we'll descend down the County Creek and its gorges, before taking a shortcut through paddocks back to the starting point (YAY! no car shuffle).

Please note, as we'll be traversing private property, no dogs or other pets will be allowed.

Time/Date: 8:45am to 1pm, Saturday the 27th of April, 2019

Meeting Location: Ruffy CFA Shed – 1 Nolans Rd, Ruffy VIC 3666

Finishing Location: Longwood-Ruffy Rd

Length: 7km

Difficulty: Moderate

RSVPs are essential, so please email us at strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com to register your interest.

Ruffartz Returns with The New Hip!

Master of puns and funny man Stephen Blackburn is a singing, song writing piano player with a long history in television comedy and music. He is also known and loved for his wicked take on modern life. Reviewers and fans attest that his lyrics are sharp and hilarious, his rhymes are prodigious and his melodies are sublime. Touring with him for the second show in **2019 Café Culture Series** he is lucky to be joined by two of Melbourne's best musicians. Shane (Twang) Ryall is a sought-after guitarist who plays jazz, funk, rock, Latin and anything with ease and style. Steve (de Man) Temple is a multi-instrumentalist with a special interest in Mariachi. The New Hip will cover a lot of territory, poking fun at moguls, hipsters, nose-jobs in Asia, bollards, privilege, schadenfreude and more, with time to take a breather to enjoy the musicianship. The show is intelligent, insightful and refreshing because Stephen often states what we are thinking, but not saying, when he shares his biting honest comedy. His engaging patter from the piano takes the audience through unexpected moments of genuine poignancy spiked with belly laughs. Is it politically correct? Probably, but only just.

Tickets are on sale now for **The New Hip!** live at the Ruffy Hall on **Saturday 27th April at 8pm** purchase your ticket from Christine Ford ruffartztickets@gmail.com or call **0419 561 386**. Book early as some shows do sell out in advance.



YES! Democracy is happening again!!

The polling place for the federal election on **Saturday May 18th** will be at the Tablelands Community Centre, opposite the Ruffy Produce Store, **between 8am and 6pm**. Enjoy the



delicious sausage sizzle! Browse the bric a brac shop! Our local Neighbourhood Watch groups will also be on hand to issue/install licence plate security screws (more details to follow on this last item).



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