



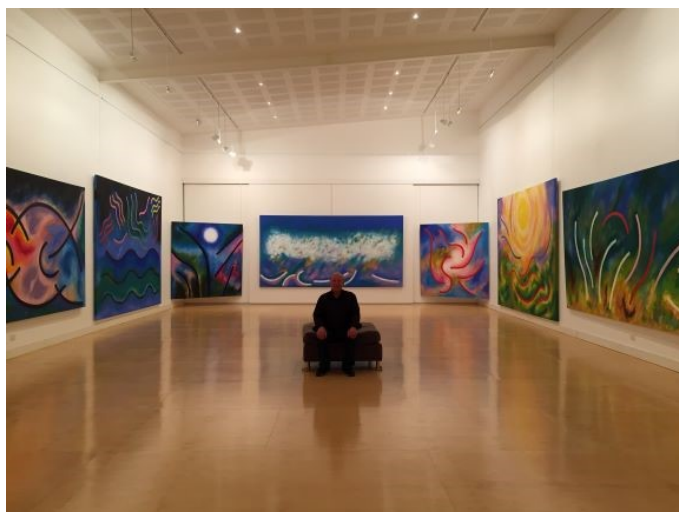
Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Another week without rain to speak of and we continue to hope that next week will see a change in this current situation, after all Wednesday is the first day of May!! Come on the autumn break.

At the 11th hour, I managed to visit Dennis Spiteri's annual exhibition "A Mass of Life", and once again was in awe of his work - both the size and the vibrancy of the colours used in this series. If you missed out on this experience I can only urge you to look out for his next exhibition and pop in for a visual feast. Whilst chatting with Dennis it suddenly dawned on me that there are quite a few talented artists, hidden down the far end of wombat holes in our local area, and that a series of articles about them would make excellent, periodic reading in TGN. So if I haven't contacted you in the next week or two to partake in this feature idea, please contact me to let me know of your expertise in the world of art and we can get together for a chat. Please email me at editor@tgn.org.au with details.

Until next week, **Pauline**

And **Kenny?** - was checking out the HCCC News.



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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"We don't stop playing when we grow old, we grow old when we stop playing."

George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

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 (Un-Finished 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.

Free to Good Homes

Free to the thrifty 7 bathtubs - ideal for raised gardens, troughs, worm farms. Take them individually or as a job-lot.

Interested? contact Leone 0409 467178



Order your plants now for Winter

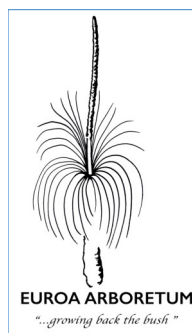
As we come out of summer and with fingers firmly crossed for rain, it's time to consider what to plant this Winter. We collect local indigenous seeds and 'grow to order' at our nursery.

Some of you may have previously ordered plants before and some of you may be unaware of the nursery. Why not check out the website www.euroaarboretum.com.au

There's 183 species available. Every plant has a web page which displays photos, habitat & soil information and their benefits to wildlife. You can also pick-up a variety of garden plants each month at the Euroa Farmers Market.

The Nursery can also be contacted via email

nursery@euroaarboretum.com.au



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

WEBSITE of the WEEK

<https://myclimate.acf.org.au>

Find out how much warmer your location will be by 2050.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — May

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 10-4	DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 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.	2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
Saturday 4th May	ARTZ @ YARCK - The Wine Bluffs A comedy wine masterclass - Dinner tickets \$30 (limited places) Show Tickets from \$25. Purchase in person from the Yarck store or on the night. Enquiries? Maree 0428 030678 or yarckhall@hotmail.com	at Yarck Hall
Friday 10th May @ 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 57969247 & Contact Judy
Saturday 11th May 10-1	VISIT PHILIP LOBLEY WINES - GLENBURN The National Landcare Programme is funding an open cellar experience with Philip Loblely Wines. Sustainability and environmental consciousness are hallmarks of this vineyard. Morning tea & pizza lunch provided. Enquiries & RSVPs by 7/5/19 to Judy McGill 57974405 or uglandcare.ugln.net	at 1084 Kinglake/Glenburn Rd Glenburn
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 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!!	at Terip Community Centre
Saturday 25th May 10 - 12	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 57969366
Saturday 25th May (9-5) & Sunday 26th May (10-4)	HIGHLANDS 15th Annual UFO Weekend All crafty people are invited to come along and join in the fun of this excellent weekend, continuing or finishing off any Un-Finished Objects. RSVPs are essential.	at Highlands Community Hall Enquiries? Pauline 0427 529551
Sunday 26th May	RIPARIAN WALK #5 in the Strathbogie Ranges Back by popular demand the Strathbogie Conservation Management Network will help you explore the local waterways while studying their unique qualities. To RSVP or for further details email - strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com	
Thursday 30th May @ 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
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? Term 2 dates for 2019 - May 8th & 22nd, June 5th & 19th and July 3rd, 17th & 31st.	at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT 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.	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Wednesday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	at Ruffy Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559



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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).

If anyone is interested...

I have agreed to give a community talk on the local geology on 31st May (more details will follow) This presentation will be based on my observations and recordings on the plateau especially over the last 2 years. I am hoping to fill some (many) gaps in my knowledge of the local granite during May and I have some shortcomings close to town and the plateau immediately west. With this in mind, I will be contacting landowners regarding possible access for a few hours, but there is no obligation to allow access. I'll be happy to provide some informal feedback after visits.

Neil Phillips

neil.phillips@bigpond.com

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT WATER?

**Come along to a forum to discuss
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Prof Tim Reeves – Water Issues – the big picture
Prof Nick Bond – Future implications for stream flows
Prof Mike Stewardson - Surface and Ground Water Hydrology

**Convenor Jim Shovelton
Facilitator Prof Kate Auty**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm Saturday 4th May
Temple Kitchen & Co
(formerly the Pickled Olive)
10-12 Tarcombe St, Euroa**

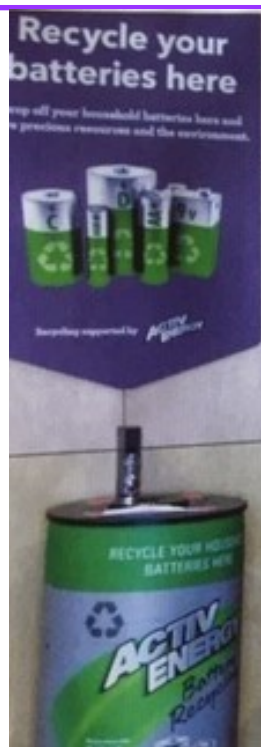
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CFA, through the use of pagers, consumes very large quantities of AA batteries – something like 230,000 every year. As well as contributing to landfill, batteries can contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury which can leach into the environment. The solution is to recycle the batteries.

CFA members can now drop off used AA batteries at ALDI supermarkets for recycling. AAA, C, D and 9V batteries (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) are also being recycled by ALDI.

A recycling company collects the batteries from ALDI, sorts them into chemical types and delivers them to recycling plants. More than 90 per cent of the materials (such as copper, zinc and nickel) are recovered and recycled to make new batteries or other products such as stainless steel, sunscreen or road aggregate.

For any queries email CFA's environment manager at m.nantie@cfa.vic.gov.au.



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