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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

YAY it rained!! At last... although when one looks at the rainfall for 2018 by comparison so far with this year it presents a sobering reality.

Locale **2018 (Total till 30/4)** **2019 (Total till 30/4)**

Highlands 130mm 56.6mm

Ruffy 118mm 29.5mm

As can be seen TGN's area has had less than half the amount of rainfall, up to the end of April, that it had last year. So if you thought that it has been a rather dry start to the year the rainfall statistics certainly back that up.

Until next week, **Pauline**

And **Kenny?** - was cosying up to the hiking boots and headed for the hills.

HCCC News

Did you know??

The **Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative**, the publisher of The Granite News, is a Landcare Network combining Highlands, Whitehead's Creek, Upper Hughes Creek & Hughes Creek Landcare Groups. It is based in the southern Strathbogie Ranges, Central Victoria Upland Slopes and covers the localities of Ruffy, Terip, Caveat, Highlands, Dropmore, Tarcombe, Kobyboyn and Whitehead's Creek. Formed in 1994, the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) has evolved from various Rabbit Action Groups and Landcare Groups that started in the 1980s.

Landcare enables people to do something practical about protecting and restoring Australia's unique environment. Landcare members have control in setting the activities and the focus that HCCC wishes to pursue however these activities must be in line with the Landcare ethic -

"A caring attitude and a wish to pass our planet onto the next generation in a healthier state than we find it in today."

HCCC strives to provide a supportive environment which provides local people with the opportunity to come together, share knowledge and experiences and to do something practical to improve the long term health of our land.

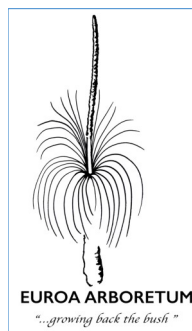
Order your plants now for Winter

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



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**"Never take democracy for granted.
Too many good people died giving it
to you."**

Colin McInnes

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

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
April	8.2 mm	?? mm
2019Total	56.6 mm	29.5 mm
April Rain Days	5 "rainy" 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

CALENDAR of EVENTS — May

 <p>Friday 10th May @ 6.30pm</p>	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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</p>
 <p>Saturday 11th May 10-1</p>	<p>VISIT PHILIP LOBLEY WINES - GLENBURN at 1084 Kinglake/Glenburn Rd Glenburn</p> <p>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</p>
 <p>Monday 13th May @ 11am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
<p>Friday 17th May @ 6.45m</p>	<p>MURRIDINDI FILM SOCIETY at Yea Shire Chambers</p> <p>The 1944 Noir classic "Double Indemnity", starring Fred McMurray and Barbara Stanwyck, this is an opportunity to see this rarely-screened American classic. Enquiries? - Jill 57972480</p>
 <p>Monday 20th May @ 9.30am</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre</p> <p>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!!</p>
 <p>Saturday 25th May 10 - 12</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, but No Market in May! ther. Enquiries? - Clare 57969366</p>
<p>Saturday 25th May (9-5) & Sunday 26th May (10-4)</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS 15th Annual UFO Weekend at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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. Enquiries? Pauline 0427 529551</p>
 <p>Sunday 26th May</p>	<p>RIPARIAN WALK #5 in the Strathbogie Ranges</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Thursday 30th May @ 5.30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church</p> <p>All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.</p>
<p>Friday 31st May @ 7pm</p>	<p>GEOLOGY of the STRATHBOGIE DISTRICT at Strathbogie Hall</p> <p>Neil Phillips is passionate about granite, come along and find out why this rock is so special. Further details to be found on p.3. Enquiries & RSVPs - Sean snmthws@bigpond.com</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRIDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Every Monday @ 10 am</p>	<p>YOGA AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</p> <p>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</p>

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Swing Dancers - a new venue for winter

Calling all swing dancers classes are heading off the tablelands for winter and will be held at the **Uniting Church Hall in Euroa from 7.30 - 9pm commencing**



on Thursday 9th May. First class is **FREE!!**

Come along and have some fun.

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Geology of the Strathbogie District

For many people reading The Granite News the rocks beneath your house will be granite; and this is not an ordinary granite but one that is known internationally among geoscientists.

The Strathbogie plateau is dominated by granite—a hard rock that resists erosion by rivers and forms some iconic landforms. There are boulders of 10m height, slabs extending 100s metres, and cliff lines that have been used by rock climbers in the past.

Come to hear a community talk on the age of our granite, why it is famous worldwide for an unusual mineral, how the slightly different types of granite dictate the rugged forest areas and gentler farmland, affect groundwater, contribute to nutrients, and become involved in runaway erosion events.

Neil Phillips has been studying the whole Strathbogie granite from Tallarook to Mt Samaria for many years and his current focus is on the surrounds of the town of Strathbogie. He convened the highly successful community session within the International Granite Symposium held in Benalla in 2017.

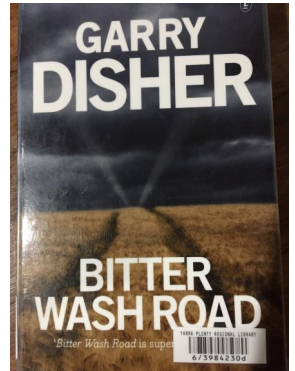
Friday 31st May 2019, 7pm Strathbogie Hall. This will be a talk illustrated by many local photos, rock samples to play with, and maps.

RSVPs to Sean Mathews snmthws@bigpond.com



Bitter Wash Road—Garry Disher

Garry Disher is probably one of Australia's most prolific and insightful crime authors and his work has won many awards over the years. His stories always set a cracking pace yet they are delivered in a terse, spare style of prose that hooks the reader completely into the world of crime he has created. Bitter Wash Road introduces a new character, Hirsch, into Disher's stable of memorable characters and a new setting—that of the dry plains north of Adelaide. Hirsch is a whistle blower who has been exiled to a one-cop station where he is hated and despised by his colleagues. What he discovers, as he heads up Bitter Wash Road to investigate gunfire, will change his life forever. Reserve this excellent book from the Mobile Library.



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**. As well as voting your community **Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)** group together with the support of the **Ruffy Community Action Group (RCAG)** will be offering members of the community non-reversible security number plate screws for their vehicles. The screws can be taken home to be fitted by vehicle owners or alternatively, there will be a volunteer on hand to help with the fitting of the screws if required. A gold coin donation for this service would be appreciated and will help fund community NHW activities for 2019 -2020. There will also be an opportunity to label/name/scribe personal items, such as electronic equipment, tools, special items etc. UV marker pens and a UV light will be available for your use. Come along and support your local NHW group who are working with you to raise security awareness in our rural community. And don't forget the sausage sizzle and to browse the bric-a-brac shop.



Some things to consider....Most homes in high risk bushfire areas are NOT defendable on Code Red Days. Defending your home is very risky - you could die or be seriously injured. During a fire event emergency vehicles may not be able to attend your property.

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