



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

YAY - more rain has deposited itself over the Tablelands in the last few days and isn't the sound of raindrops on the roof just delightful and most welcome! One might expect social activities to be winding down as the sun sets earlier each evening and winter is, theoretically, not too far away but still the walks and talks keep happening. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** - was diving into democracy and into the ballot box.

## Did you know??

Many of us on the Tablelands will be used to electoral boundaries changing over the years. This election many of us will be in a different electorate, notably those living in parts of Highlands and Whiteheads Creek, who are now in the Division of Indi, a large electorate, stretching from the foothills of Mount Kosciuszko to Strath Creek. Seymour is now in Nicholls and the McEwen electorate is now almost an outer suburban seat. **No matter which electorate you are in you will be able to have a vote anywhere in the state.** All polling places have papers for all the seats in Victoria and the aim of the AEC is to ensure everyone is able to vote. **The RUFFY polling place (TCC opposite the Store) will be open from 8am until 6pm.**

Generally there are no queues and voting is a pleasurable experience!

In most cases the staff will be able to tell you which seat you'll be enrolled for. Other nearby polling places are at Yarck, Avenel, Euroa and Seymour.

**Justus Hagen.** (Inquiry officer AEC)

Note: a map of the Indi electorate is available on line, but it does not bring up exact boundaries very clearly. **NB:** Indi is within the grey outline. Ed



## WANTED - Volunteers to help with CFA's fundraising

Every year the Queen's Birthday weekend rolls around and two things happen - 1. Rovers (18-25 yr old Scouts) from all over Victoria, as well as interstate, descend on Mafeking Park for a fun weekend. and 2. The Highlands Caveat CFA holds its annual fundraising event rattling donation buckets and selling firewood to these Rovers. In order to make this happen volunteers are needed to collect and stack wood in advance - **Saturday 18th May @ 8.30am at Mafeking Park** (see

calendar for further details) or ring **Callum 0437 182223** and also to help rattle the donation buckets on the gate at designated times on the Fri/Sat/Sun of the Q/B Weekend. All community members are welcome. Ring **Pauline 0427 529551** if you are able to assist with this. Thanks.



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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much merrier world."**

JRR Tolkien - author (1892-1973)

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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.

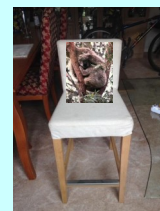
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<https://biolinksalliance.org.au/bolstering-the-refuges>

An excellent website dealing with bio-links in central Victoria

# Community Notices & Classifieds

## CALENDAR of EVENTS — May

 <b>Monday 13th May</b> <b>@ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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. <b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
<b>Friday 17th May</b> <b>@ 6.45-m</b>	<b>MURRIDINDI FILM SOCIETY</b> <b>at Yea Shire Chambers</b> The 1944 Noir classic "Double Indemnity", starring Fred McMurray and Barbara Stanwyck, this is an opportunity to see this rarely-screened American classic. <b>Enquiries? - Jill 57972480</b>
 <b>Saturday 18th May</b> <b>@ 8.30am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS /CAVEAT CFA WOOD COLLECTION</b> <b>at Mafeking Rover Park</b> Highlands/Caveat CFA is holding its annual wood collection for Mudbash and everyone is welcome to come long & help out. BYO ute & friends. Food & drink provided. <b>Enquiries &amp; RSVPs Callum 0437182223</b>
<b>Saturday 18th May</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>NIGHT WALK @ FREES RD, GOBUR</b> <b>commencing at 'Hillcroft' 461 Frees Rd Gobur</b> Home Creek/Spring Creek Landcare Group's Night Walk will be led by UGLN co-ordinator Chris Cobern. Supper will be provided & bookings essential as numbers are limited. See attachment for more details
 <b>Monday 20th May</b> <b>@ 9.30am</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</b> <b>at Terip Community Centre</b> 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. <b>NOTE: Day change for May!!</b>
<b>Friday 24th May</b> <b>all day</b>	<b>4th ANNUAL BIO-LINKS ALLIANCE SYMPOSIUM</b> <b>at Memorial Oval, Dunn St, Euroa</b> Bolstering the Refuges: Restoring health & resilience to remnant ecosystems at a time of climate change
 <b>Saturday 25th May</b> <b>10 - 12</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> <b>at 94 Old Highlands Rd</b> Bring along your excess produce for swap or other. <b>Enquiries? - Clare 57969366</b>
<b>Saturday 25th May (9-5)</b> <b>&amp; Sunday 26th May (10-4)</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS 15th Annual UFO Weekend</b> <b>at Highlands Community Hall</b> 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. <b>Enquiries? Pauline 0427 529551</b>
 <b>Sunday 26th May</b>	<b>RIPARIAN WALK #5 in the Strathbogie Ranges</b> 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 - <a href="mailto:strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com">strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com</a>
<b>Thursday 30th May</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> <b>at Caveat Church</b> All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
<b>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRIDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> <b>at Highlands Community Hall</b> The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? <b>Term 2 dates for 2019 - May 22nd, June 5th &amp; 19th and July 3rd, 17th &amp; 31st.</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> <b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b> 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 <a href="mailto:kyliepenny@gmail.com">kyliepenny@gmail.com</a> Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.
<b>Every Thursday</b> <b>@ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</b>	<b>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free!</b> <b>at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</b> Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>



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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.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:snmthws@bigpond.com)



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bio-links Alliance Symposium

**Bolstering the Refuges:** Restoring health and resilience to remnant ecosystems at a time of climate change



**Friday 24th May 2019**

**Memorial Oval Dunn St Euroa**

This is an all day symposium & field trip, followed by an optional dinner in the evening with guest speaker. Bookings are open. For more information go to <https://biolinksalliance.org.au/bolstering-the-refuges> and scroll down to purchase your tickets.

## Like to advertise in The Granite News??

Only 2 spaces left!! To register your interest contact the [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au).

## 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 & to browse the bric-a-brac shop.



## FOR SALE - Guinea Fowls

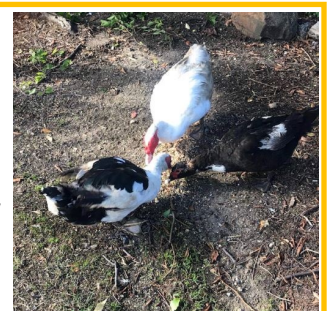


Ann has 15 more guinea fowl keets for sale, due to a very late rush of hatchings.

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## FOR SALE - 3 Pet Ducks

One female & two males. These ducks have been pets that I have enjoyed having in the garden with me. They are very quiet and well trained to help in the garden and then be locked up at night. Unfortunately I am unable to take them to our new house in Euroa and I am now looking for a good home for them. Please ring Helen 57904211.



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