



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Once upon a time there were maybe one or three deer spotted annually, in my front paddock bouncing their way through to other places, feral but sort of cute in a big-eyed Bambi way. However, with the sheer weight of numbers that are now seen cruising our area on a daily basis, they have definitely lost any cuteness recently. Aside from all the damage that their foraging is doing to the vegetation and their solid hooves are doing to the soil structure, they are also out and about at night-time on our local roads. I negotiated 6 in less than 1 km returning home the other evening. And some of them are seriously BIG and could make a mess of our cars. So please keep an eye out for these fleet-footed ferals & stay safe at night. Until next week, **Pauline**
And **Kenny?** - was sitting pretty on the IKEA chairs for sale.

HCCC News

Did you know??

HCCC is based in a farming community. It promotes the sustainable production of high quality food and fibre and supports the maintenance of a farm's productive capacity through the implementation of environmental best practice farming techniques and the apt adoption of sustainable farming technologies.

It also aims to support smaller, new and absentee landholders with alternative lifestyle aspirations in the management of their land for better environmental outcomes.

Our Landcare network's activities include pest plant and animal control, biodiversity conservation, waterway management, revegetation, soil health management, protection of endangered species plus community welfare and education.

The executive committee consists of two nominated representatives from each Landcare group plus the President. All landholders who participate in landcare activities are considered to be ordinary members of the group. AGM is held in November & there are no membership fees.

WANTED - Volunteers to help with CFA 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 help rattle the donation buckets on the gate** at designated times on the **Fri afternoon & evening and on Sun morning of the Q/B Weekend.** (Saturday has been fully subscribed, thanks) 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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**"Any boss who sacks anyone today
for not turning up is a bum."**

**Bob Hawke 23rd Australian PM
(1929 - 2019)**

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

FOR SALE

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Wanted - deer!

I am a sporting shooter who would be interested in hunting excessive/problem deer on private property. Please contact me, Nick on 0433 110310 if you would be interested in discussing this further. Thanks

WEBSITE of the WEEK

www.nma.gov.au

Not planning a trip to Canberra?

**Why not surf the Australian
National Museum's website!**

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — May & June

 Monday 20th May @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA & Book/Produce Swap at Terip Community Centre This enjoyable social event is open to all members of the community, come along, enjoy a cuppa. Optional to bring along anything that you might want to give away or swap. It would be great to see even more new faces. NOTE: Day change for May!!
Friday 24th May all day	4th ANNUAL BIO-LINKS ALLIANCE SYMPOSIUM at Memorial Oval, Dunn St, Euroa Bolstering the Refuges: Restoring health & resilience to remnant ecosystems at a time of climate change. See attachment for further details.
 Saturday 25th May 10 - 12	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce to swap with each other. No Market in May! Enquiries? - Clare 57969366
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 at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
Friday 31st May @ 7pm	GEOLOGY of the STRATHBOGIE DISTRICT at Strathbogie Hall Neil Phillips is passionate about granite, come along and find out why this rock is so special. For further details see attachment. Enquiries & RSVPs - Sean snmthws@bigpond.com
Saturday 1st June @ 6pm	TERIP CFA BONFIRE NIGHT at Terip Terip Everyone is invited to join the Terip CFA for a BBQ & Bonfire to celebrate the end of the bushfire season.
 Friday 7th June @ 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
Friday 7th June - Monday 10th June	ROVER SCOUT SECTION - MUDBASH at Mafeking Park, Caveat Never been to a Mudbash before? Why not come along and join in the fun!
Saturday 8th June @ 6pm & 7pm 	WETLANDS SPOTLIGHT WALK at YWDC & Yea Wetlands To celebrate World Environment Day join some excellent naturalists on a night-time walk through the Yea Wetlands. 6pm = Soup & bread 7pm = Walk. See attachment for more details RSVPs are essential
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 - May 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 Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! at Euroa Uniting Church 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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WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

Swing Dancers hit the boards in Euroa

Thanks to Ray for this update on the Swing Dance classes that have moved for the colder months to Euroa. There were 13 dancers on the first night & a few more will join in next week. A new demographic has joined the group with younger people in their 20's and 30's, having fun and learning very quickly with a lot of smiling and laughter.

Check out the Calendar of Events for day & time and contact details.

Newcomers are always very welcome.



Fungi Expert Alison Pouliot is coming to Ruffy - Sunday 9th June 2019

Alison has recently published a book called the 'Allure of Fungi' and featured in a segment on Gardening Australia a few weeks ago. We are really lucky to have this engaging presenter visiting us.

The title of her workshop is 'A Galaxy of Earthstars'.

This 3.5 hour workshop with both theoretical and practical components will introduce participants to the diversity, ecology and curiosities of the Kingdom Fungi specific to the fungi found around Ruffy and surrounds but also within the wider Australian context. It includes a one hour interactive session around specimen display where participants will learn the basics of fungus identification, fungal ecology and the cultural history of fungi.

Fungi specimens from the local area will be displayed, discussed and examined. The edibility and toxicity of fungi will also be discussed. Following the indoor session will be an exciting foray through local habitat types to search for specimens of interest. Participants will learn to recognise the various diagnostic characteristics used to identify fungi in the field and understand their ecological significance in local ecosystems.

A Galaxy of Earthstars

Sunday June 9th 2019 Starting 11am Finishing around 2.30pm

At Old Ruffy Primary School Main street Ruffy

Cost \$20 per person including a light lunch

To book a place contact Janet Hagen

Message - 0458904268

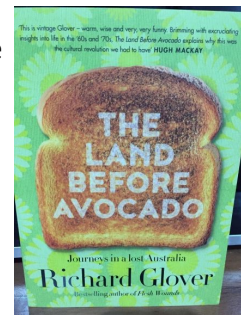
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Places strictly limited.

*** Alison's book available at the Y Water Discovery Centre in Yea**

Land Before Avocado - Richard Glover

This book will amuse and delight both Baby Boomers and Millennials alike with its journey through the 60s & 70s, a trip down memory lane for the former and a voyage of discovery for the latter. There will be cries of disbelief from both - You did what? We ate that? I can't believe that!! And amongst all the incredulation there will be great chuckling and amusement to be found on each page. Richard Glover is an excellent author whose lively and diverting style of writing is guaranteed to take the reader on a rollercoaster ride of exploration and enjoyment. Reserve it from the Mobile Library on Wednesday.



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Gillian Hillman @ Ruffy Produce Store

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Weekend of 24, 25 and 26 May

Exhibition opens Friday 6pm Drinks + Dinner.

Slow roasted pork with provenance + roasted, smashed potatoes and spicy slaw.

Saturday 3 - 5pm meet and chat with Gillian and enjoy delicious wine and cheese from our locals - Antcliffs Chase Wines, Locheilan Cheese and Costanzo & Sons Wines.

Celebrate a great weekend with—**Sunday Breakfast 9 - 11am**
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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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