



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Anyone for snow?? From the last week's weather it appears that it may not be too far away as winter and the cold seem to have arrived rather comprehensively. I must admit I always get excited when the nightly news says "Snow down to 600 metres." as that means we have a show of getting some on the front paddock. And I would really like to put the skis on and head off down the slope without some Highlands granite carving deep gouges into the old boards. It hasn't happened yet...but I live in



hope. I also live in hope that this winter might yield a bit more precipitation than we have experienced so far in 2019. According to Alistair Lade, who knows such things as he is the official weather recorder at Highlands, the May rainfall (see below) was double the total of the previous 4 months of this year but is still 120mm less than the long term average for the first 5 months. Fingers crossed winter brings more rain. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** - after 58 straight issues had a week off, but he's back today.

## Thank you from Helen & Donna

Dear Editor,

Donna and I would just like to thank the Terip community, neighbours, friends and family for the amazing garden seat you all gave us.

We are looking forward to a cuppa and a chat with you, sitting on the seat, under the beautiful tree that also came our way. We were completely overwhelmed and very grateful, thank you.  
Helen and Donna.

P.S. These lovely pet ducks >>> are actually NOT for sale just in need of a new and loving home. Can you help with that? If so please ring Helen 57904211



## HCCC News

**Date for your Diary...** The **NEXT** meeting of the HCCC will be **Friday 14th June @ 7.30** at the Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy. Everyone is welcome. Contact Justus 0458 904268 for further details or to RSVP.

## Thank you to all

Thank you to all those local community members who have offered to rattle donation buckets at this year's Mudbash. The response has been excellent and your offers of assistance are most appreciated.



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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**Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)**

**The Granite News** is an open but moderated community forum.

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you can help.



## 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

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
May	116.6 mm	?? mm
2019Total	173.2 mm	?? mm
May	16 Days	?? Days
Rain Days		

## Community Notices & Classifieds

### CALENDAR of EVENTS — June

<b>Saturday 8th June</b> <b>@ 6pm &amp; 7pm</b>	<b>WETLANDS SPOTLIGHT WALK</b> 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 <b>RSVPs are essential</b>	<b>at YWDC &amp; Yea Wetlands</b>
<b>Sunday 9th June</b> <b>11am - 2.30pm</b>	<b>A GALAXY of EARTHSTARS (Fungi)</b> Fungi expert Alison Pouliot will delight and surprise those who attend her workshop at Ruffy. Come along and learn more about this fascinating area of the natural world. <b>Bookings Janet 0458 904268</b>	<b>at old Ruffy Primary School</b>
<b>Monday 10th June</b> <b>@ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, 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 14th June</b> <b>@ 6.30pm</b>	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> 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.	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>57969247 &amp; Contact Judy</b>
<b>Friday 14th June</b> <b>@ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> The next meeting will commence at 7.30pm. All welcome.	<b>at TCC Ruffy</b> <b>Enquiries? - Justus 5790 4268</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd June</b> <b>12-2pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.	<b>at 94 Old Highlands Rd</b> <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd June</b> <b>Save the Date</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP's TERRIFIC TRIVIA NIGHT</b> Preparations are well underway for our trivia night. With a new quizmaster booked in, brush up on your general knowledge and current affairs for what is sure to be a fun night. Teams of 6-8 can be entered or alternatively, teams will be created on the night. See attachment for further details.	<b>at Terip (of course!)</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b> <b>10 - 3</b>	<b>STRATHBOGIE RANGES under the MICROSCOPE</b> Experts from diverse natural science fields will share their knowledge of the Strathbogie Ranges. Attendance is free and includes lunch. See p.3 for more details. <b>Enquiries &amp; RSVPs Alistair 0490 805379</b>	<b>at Euroa Football Club</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	<b>at Caveat Church</b>
<b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</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 - June 5th &amp; 19th and July 3rd, 17th &amp; 31st.</b>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>YOGA AT 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>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b> <b>@ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</b>	<b>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free!</b> Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	<b>at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</b> <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>



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## Strathbogie Ranges under the microscope

Experts from the diverse fields of geology, conservation, botany, biodiversity, ornithology (study of birds), ecology and ichthyology (study of fish) will share their knowledge at the Under the Microscope forum to be held at the Euroa next month.

Strathbogie Ranges CMN's Alastair Tame said the forum would be a terrific opportunity to find out more about region's unique natural assets.

"We all know that the Strathbogie Ranges are a remarkable part of Australia but what exactly happens underground, in the creeks, caves and hills – all those dark, difficult to reach places?" Mr Tame said.

"Our guest speakers will shed some light on just what is going on and this is an opportunity for any one passionate and curious about the Strathbogie Ranges to learn and interact with some of the finest academic minds in their respective fields."

Speakers include:

Chris Tzaros	Tim D'Ombra
Joshua Hodges	Bertram Lobert
Janet Hagen	Tamara Morgan
Professor Neil Phillips	

The **forum is free** and will be held at the **Euroa Football Club on Thursday June 27 from 10am to 3pm. Lunch is included.**

For more information and to RSVP for catering purposes please contact Alastair Tame on 0490 805 379 or [strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com](mailto:strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com) by June 21.

This forum is part of the Bogies and Beyond project supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Communities initiative.



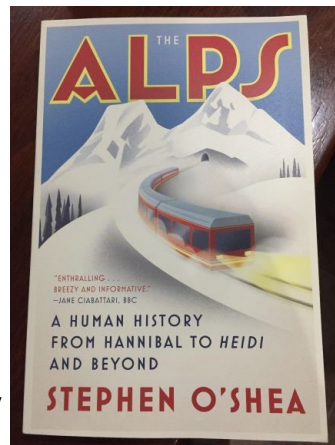
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## A Most Important Announcement !!

A quick vote at the recent Secret Men's business meeting agreed to raise the donation to a pink note (\$5), apparently due to the increased cost of gourmet sausages. There were no objections.

## The Alps - a Human History from Hannibal to Heidi & Beyond - Stephen O'Shea

Who would have thought that just one mountain range could be the basis of an excellent book covering history, travel and spectacular views of the European Alps. Switzerland is just one part of the mix—the Alps actually stretch from France through Switzerland and Italy to Austria and Slovenia and the reader is taken on a comprehensive tour not only of the fantastic geography but also the people who have passed through these stunning mountain peaks - Hannibal, Napoleon, Heidi, Edward Whymper, Sherlock Holmes and James Bond, to name a few, all get a mention. It is tempting to recreate O'Shea's trip and discover this impressive part of the world for oneself. Why not pop into the Mobile Library this Wednesday and reserve a copy?



## Work Wanted

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## Counting down to Terip Trivia's Night

Dear Terip Community Members and Friends,  
It's almost time for the annual Terip Trivia Night, a great chance to have some fun and catch up with friends and neighbours.

A guest quizmaster will be hosting a new format for what should be a very enjoyable night. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details.

Regards,

Terip Rec Reserve Committee

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