



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

It's nice to know that not everyone is on summer holidays as the email has been busy this week with all sorts of articles and inserts for this issue of TGN, including a lovely thank you letter from Erwin and Verena Weinmann, see below, to the Ruffy community. One thing that I am very much aware of, and some of you may agree with the following observation, is the fact that I was born several decades too early to be as computer savvy as I would like to be. I have no hesitation in claiming that "luddite" is my occasionally middle name and last week was one of those instances. TGN is written/assembled in the Publisher format before being converted into .pdf for emailing. For some weird reason, known only to itself, the editor's laptop decided it could no longer open Publisher files!! However another laptop in the house, unaffectionately known as the boat anchor, could. Go figure?! I certainly couldn't, so I am indebted to John Rogers, IT technical whizz (see his ad on the back page) who managed to fix the problem and make this week's job of editing so much easier. And speaking of technical glitches, at the end of 2018 there were several readers who were unable to open their copies of TGN. If you are one of these people and still experiencing difficulties please let me know at editor@tgn.org.au and I'll try out a new idea and see if we can solve the dilemma. Until next week, stay cool **Pauline** And **Kenny?** - was checking out the HCCC Landcare banner on p.1.

Thank you to the Ruffy community!

Verena and I would like to thank the Ruffy community, and especially Rob Jamieson and the members of the Ruffy Community Action Group, for the surprise presentation of a memorial plaque at the Ruffy Christmas Party. We really appreciate this recognition of our contributions to the Ruffy community, but at the same time are also aware that there are other community members who have made significant contributions over many years, without having received such recognition. What makes Ruffy such a great place is that most people contribute in one form or other to its broad range of activities and towards preserving it as a safe and enjoyable environment to live in. Let this plaque on a beautiful Ruffy rock be recognition of all the good work put in by Ruffy community members!

Verena and Erwin Weinmann (now living in Mansfield with happy memories of Ruffy)

Farm Chemical Users' Course

Like to know more about the chemicals you are using on your property? Upper Goulburn Landcare Network is running a subsidised and certified 2 day course for landholders who wish to learn about the safe use of pest plant and animal control chemicals on their land. Dates for your diary are **Sunday 24th & Sunday 31st March**, all day, at the Flowerdale Hall. For further details please see the attachment with this week's TGN. **At \$25 per person this course is an absolute bargain!**

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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During the first Test in Adelaide Jim Maxwell remarked on the Indian wicketkeeper, Pant's, batting style as "Showing all the restraint of a Labrador at a sausage buffet."

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**

THANK YOU

A **BIG** thank you to John Rogers, see Editor's note above, for ensuring that this week's production of TGN was without hassle & hopefully gremlin free!

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Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — January & February

Thursday 31st January @ 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
Saturday 2nd February from 7.30am	WORLD WETLANDS DAY - Breakfast with the Birds Come along for a guided walk in the beautiful Yea Wetlands from 7.30am followed by a light breakfast at 9. \$5 per person, Children free. RSVPs are essential for catering just email wetlands.yea@gmail.com	at Y Water Discovery Centre
Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd February 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
Wednesday 6th February @ 7.30pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES The swinging dancers are at it again with another series of classes, come along and join in the fun bopping away to the music of Glenn Miller and his friends. Everyone welcome!	at Ruffy Hall . Enquiries? - Ray 0467 951559
Friday 8th February @ 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 Enquiries? Judy 57969247
Saturday 9th February @ 9am	DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - Highlands Highlands CFA has a training session for its new defib. See article for details	at Highlands Community Hall RSVPs to Judy 57969247
Saturday 9th February @ 11.30am	SPECIAL MASS @ St Mary's Church Caveat The whole community is invited to a special celebration mass followed by lunch, see article on p.3	at Caveat Church
Monday 11th February @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am & with the same good company! BYO lunch & great tea & coffee will be provided. .	Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Wed. 13th February @ 9.30	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.	at Terip Community Centre
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Saturday 16th - Monday 18th February	CARRIAGE HORSE DRIVING TRIALS - Mini Enduro An excellent opportunity to see Carriage Horse Driving happening in our own backyard. Refer to article on p.3 and attachment for further details and program.	around Ruffy, Terip & Caveat Enquiries? - Kerrie 0488 240408
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 - Term 1 dates for 2019 - Jan 30th, Feb. 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th and April 10th.	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 0418899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note Term 1 2019 will begin on Monday 4th Feb and bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy



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Caveat Church Community Celebrates

On **Saturday 9th February** at 11.30 a Special Mass will be held at St Mary's Caveat, also known as Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows aka the Caveat Church. This celebration is being organised by the descendants of the original families who built the church in 1955. Fr Roland from Alexandra will be conducting the Mass and there will be a light lunch in the grounds afterwards, so please bring a plate. Everyone is welcome to attend. Let's celebrate our community.



Saga Land - Richard Fidler & Kari Gislason

Iceland is an intriguing place. Home to the world's oldest parliament and to the world's youngest mountains. It sits astride the Mid-Atlantic Ridge fault



line which means that it truly is a land of ice and fire as its very active volcanoes rain down their debris on glaciers & snowfields.

The authors take the reader on a journey of discovery of this wild and beautiful island. Its history, geography, sagas and personal experiences are all inter-twined

and make for fascinating reading. At 457 pages it is a bit of a brick, but one that rewards the reader chipping away at it bit by bit.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Highlands/Caveat CFA have purchased a defibrillator to be housed on the CFA truck. The Highlands Hall are also going to purchase a defibrillator when funding comes through in March, which will be housed in the 'bus shelter' entrance at the hall. This will enable access to anyone in need of it. We will be holding training for this important device on **Saturday 9th February**, at the Highlands Hall at 9.00am. This will be followed by breakfast - eggs, bacon, cornflakes, etc. The whole community is encouraged to attend so you can become familiar with this vital piece of equipment.



Please note the **Afternoon Tea(I)** fundraiser for Ovarian Cancer research advertised in last week's TGN has been postponed until **Sat. 16th MARCH**.

February 2nd is World Wetlands Day, so celebrate this auspicious occasion by having "Breakfast with the Birds". See attachment for further details.

Coming soon - Ruffy Mini Enduro

The Ruffy Mini Enduro will be the first Distance Carriage Driving Event in Victoria on **16, 17 and 18 February 2019**. Competitors can choose to do the full Enduro and are required to complete approximately 55 km per day, split into 2 sections x 3 days, or the Half, where they complete one section of approx 30 km p/day for 3 days.

Based at Maygar Park (Ruffy Recreation Reserve), Carriage Drivers will be following set courses around Terip Terip, Caveat and Ruffy on roads, tracks and private property vying for "the Green Sash", an ode to Ned Kelly's bravery award. Showcasing the spectacular views and picturesque landscapes of the Strathbogie Shire, the fantastic facilities at Maygar Park and the friendly nature of Locals will encourage participants to visit the region again and stay a little longer.

Carriage Horse Driving Trials Club anticipate between 30-40 competitors from NSW, S.A. and Victoria to attend, bringing all breeds and sizes of horses and ponies and all types of carriages. Some Carriages have really moved into the 21st century with GPS, Disc brakes and modern design.

Enduro Drivers are a friendly bunch and would appreciate your cheers and support. We will be following Victorian road rules and would appreciate your courtesy as you pass us on the roads. Spectators most welcome to visit at Maygar Park where all your questions and queries will be answered.

The Australian Carriage Driving Society, the foremost organisation for the development, management, conduct and promotion of carriage driving in Australia, represents all carriage driving disciplines. These include Driven Dressage, Combined Driving, Show Driving, Pleasure and Enduro and Historical events. With 1200 members and 48 affiliate clubs Australia wide, Carriage Driving is the **"Best fun you can have sitting down!"**



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Text: Kerrie Jamieson



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