



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well last Wednesday was a bit of a surprise being the wettest day in Victoria for 2 years!! So one would think that this month's rainfall results will be an improvement on the previous 5 months. Let's hope it continues. Until next week, **Pauline**  
And **Kenny?** - was welcoming the newest advertiser to TGN.

## REFUGEE WEEK 16-23 JUNE, 2019

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Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)  
26th President of the USA

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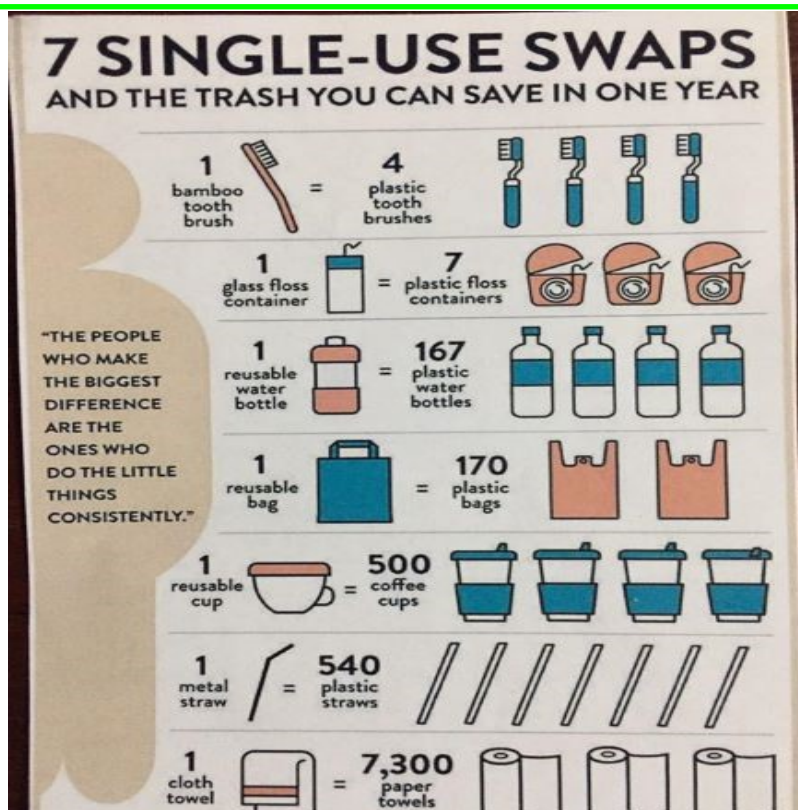
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## Community Notices & Classifieds

### CALENDAR of EVENTS — June & July

<b>Tuesday 18th June</b> <b>@ 7.30pm</b>	<b>RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE Post Fire Season Meeting &amp; AGM</b> at Ruffy Fire Shed All CFA members welcome to this (non-election year) meeting. <b>Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th June</b> <b>10 - 1</b>	<b>REFUGEE WEEK MORNING TEA</b> at Euroa Library meeting room Join Rural Australian for Refugees for an information session and morning tea supporting Australia's refugees in both onshore and offshore detention.
<b>Friday 21st June</b> <b>5.30 - 9pm</b>	<b>An EVENING to FORGET</b> at the Euroa Showgrounds Strathbogie Shire is holding a <b>FREE</b> night of information & entertainment. <b>See last TGN for more</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd June</b> <b>10.30 for 11am</b>	<b>STRATHBOGIE RANGES — Australian Plant Society</b> at Euroa's U3A Club Cathy Powers, a citizen scientist, who has identified and photographed over 600 species, will be presenting a talk on Moths & Butterflies. <b>For further details see attachment.</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd June</b> <b>12-2pm</b> 	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd June</b> <b>Save the Date</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP's TERRIFIC TRIVIA NIGHT</b> at Terip (of course!) 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. <b>See attachment for further details.</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b> <b>10 - 3</b>	<b>STRATHBOGIE RANGES under the MICROSCOPE</b> at Euroa Football Club Experts from diverse natural science fields will share their knowledge of the Strathbogie Ranges. Attendance is free and includes lunch. <b>Enquiries &amp; RSVPs Alistair 0490 805379</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
<b>Sunday 30th June</b> <b>@ 10.30am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> at Highlands Hall Back on the calendar for further details contact Louise Currie - 0435 990538
<b>Saturday 6th July</b> <b>@ 7pm</b>	<b>CREIGHTON'S CREEK WINE &amp; CHEESE TASTING</b> at Creighton's Creek Hall Everyone is welcome to attend this delicious evening - tickets @ \$45 per person are available from the Hub, Binney St Euroa. <b>See attachment for further details.</b>
<b>Sunday 7th July</b> <b>11am - 1.30pm</b>	<b>ST JOHN AMBULANCE COMMUNITY FIRST AID COURSE</b> at TCC Ruffy All Tablelands Community members are welcome to attend. No cost and a light lunch provided. 30 places available. See attachment for further details. <b>Enquiries? Felicity Sloman 0413 483450</b>
<b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> at Highlands Community Hall 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 19th and July 3rd, 17th &amp; 31st.</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> 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 <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> 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!! <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>



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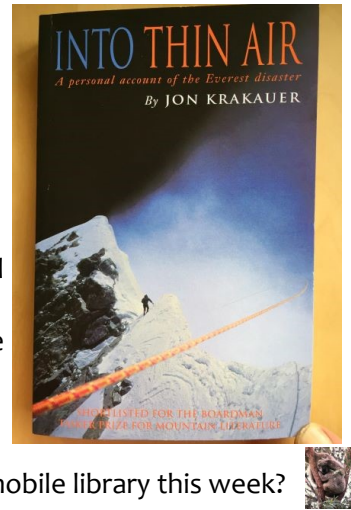
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- 0411 010379

**Terip Trivia Night!** only a few seats remain so if you'd like to attend call Kerrie 5790 4191 or Frances 0427 904 262.

## Into Thin Air - Jon Krakauer

This book is an oldie, but a goldie, as it was published in 1997. Recently I was reminded of what an excellent read it is due to the shocking attrition rate of 12 deaths on Mt Everest this year. However in 1996 the death tally was worse with 15 deaths and the author, Jon Krakauer, was one of the climbers who lived to tell the tale. Along the way though he lost some very good friends and this book endeavours to explain, not only the addiction of summiting Everest, and the magnificent beauty of the Himalaya, but also why some climbers lost their lives and how others were incredibly lucky and cheated death. Despite the sombre nature of the book it is very well written and the reader can't help but feel as though they are on the mountain with the ill-fated climbers. Why not reserve a copy on the mobile library this week?



## The Climate

In response to Stuart's article, I remember writing a 5000-word paper at university in the 1980's on this subject; climate change is very close to my heart. I have to agree with the sentiment however I have a different take on lack of attention to climate policy in Australia and the US.

In both these countries (and it could be in many others) there is a growing trend to de-value and distrust science and scientists, this also extends to anyone who attends university and achieves post graduate degrees. When this is coupled by influential and powerful industry and media organisations driven by self-interest seeking to maintain a dominant position in the supply of energy, the winner is always the rich that pay to win the PR battle.

Politicians don't have to convince the majority, just enough to sway election outcomes. I believe the final vote count in Australia was 51.3% LNP and 48.7% Labour and a swing of 0.9%. Elections are won by swaying a very small percentage of the voters. In the US Trump got in with a lower popular vote.

This makes politicians very nervous and back away from being brave and showing genuine leadership where they believe the electorate will punish them in the marginal seats. I believe this is why we have the situation clearly articulated by Stuart in his article.

However, my contention is that change is coming not because of party policy and leadership but in spite of the timid politicians. People are leading the change especially when it comes to energy, for example Bloomberg has committed \$715M to help shut down coal fired power plants in the US.

Australia and the USA lag behind some of the large economies in the world, for example;

- Germany to close all 84 coal fired power generators
- China – Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 40 – 45% by 2030
- India – Increase renewables, target of 100gw (X20) by 2020
- Brazil – Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> 37% by 2025
- EU- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (base 1990) by 80-90% 2050

Electric motor vehicles (EV) are another factor, the international energy commission has released a report that predicts EV cars will increase from 5 million in 2018 (China accounts for 45%) to 145 million in 2030. Recently Tesla exceeded Mercedes in the number of cars sold in the US.

Many EU countries have policies in place, including building charging stations, tax incentives and subsidies to phase out Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) vehicles. Currently Australia has no energy policy or EV policy, and as we don't make any cars, the major car companies will force us to adopt the new EV cars from the major markets around the world. I cannot see the major brands making ICE vehicles just for Australia.

It may be that Australian politicians of all colours will be taken kicking and screaming to de-carbonise the economy.

**Neil van Buuren**



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