



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As usual, at this time of the year, TGN will take a break for two weeks and return on **July 14th**. In the interim NAIDOC Week will be celebrated throughout Australia from 7-14 July and one of the local venues for indigenous activities and discussions is the Y Water Discovery Centre in Yea. If you are interested in increasing your knowledge & understanding of a culture, that is 60,000 years old, then put some dates into your diary (see p. 3) and book yourself a place. Until July 14th –stay warm, **Pauline And Kenny?** - was in awe of Sagamartha (Mt Everest) and its beauty. N.B. This week's TGN is a bumper issue with **5 pages**, enjoy.

HCCC News

Time to think about Paterson's Curse

With the very dry summer and the increase in bare ground its anticipated that we could have a large increase in weed infestation this year including Paterson's Curse.

HCCC is now looking for expressions of interest from all landowners to join in with the Landcare group in its annual helicopter spraying for Paterson's Curse.

The spraying will take place in August - September.

Each landowner will be subsidised 50% for the cost of the weedicide, to a maximum of 3 loads.

Each load is 400 litres and covers about 15Ha.

Contact Neil van Buuren to book your property for this very important community event and help us to get rid of this noxious weed.

Phone: **0417 503 472** or **03 5796 9111**

Email hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au

Please note also the details for rabbit ripping have changed

Subsidies are now available through HCCC Landcare group for Rabbit Ripping. (Conditions Apply)

Please email Neil van Buuren, as above, for further details



Highland Ramblers Sunday 30th June

(please note this is the 5th Sunday of the month not the 4th)

The walk will start from **Louise Currie's place at 146 Moores Rd Caveat.**

Meet there at 10.50, or meet at the Highlands hall at 10.30

for car-pooling. The walk will be around 8km and will include a couple of short steep hills.



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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"The age of starlight is finite."

Professor Brian Cox - astrophysicist

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

Date for your Diary

Highlands/Caveat CFA will be holding their End of Season Meeting on **Saturday 27th July** it's an early start followed by breakfast. More details to follow in next TGN.



WANTED

Any old blacksmith equipment around the area, such as anvils, pliers etc, specifically for metal work.



Ring 0421364263 if you can help.


WEBSITE of the WEEK

<http://theconversation.com/not-everyone-cares-about-climate-change-but-reproach-wont-change-their-minds-118255>

Thanks to Sandy for this lengthy but informative article about climate change.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — June & July

Thursday 27th June 10 - 3	STRATHBOGIE RANGES under the MICROSCOPE at Euroa Football Club Experts from diverse natural science fields will share their knowledge of the Strathbogrie Ranges. Attendance is free and includes lunch. Enquiries & RSVPs Alistair 0490 805379
Thursday 27th June @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
 Sunday 30th June @ 10.30am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS at Highlands Hall Back on the calendar for further details contact Louise Currie - 0435 990538
 Sunday 30th June @ 3.30-4.30pm	HOME FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION at Terip Terip Come along & find out all about smoke alarms, fire blankets and hazard prevention. See attachment. RSVPs Lachie 0427 164722 or Shannon 0400 842009
 Saturday 6th July @ 7pm	CREIGHTON'S CREEK WINE & CHEESE TASTING 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. See NEW attachment for further details.
Saturday 6th July Dinner @ 6.30pm & Show @ 8pm	ARTZ @ YARCK - Three Birds One Cock at Yarck Hall Strap yourself in for another entertaining evening at Yarck—dinner & show. See attachment for more. Enquiries? Robyn 0467 413767
Sunday 7th July 11am - 1.30pm	ST JOHN AMBULANCE COMMUNITY FIRST AID COURSE 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. Enquiries? Felicity Sloman 0413 483450
Sunday 7th July @ 1.30pm	STRATHBOGIE "Bogie Tree" PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION at TCC Ruffy See p. 3 for further details. Enquiries? Felicity Sloman 0413 483450
 Monday 8th July @ 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 and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
 Wednesday 10th July @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre 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.
 Friday 12th July @ 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.
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 3 dates for 2019 - July 3rd, 17th & 31st, August 14th & 28th, September 11th & 25th.
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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NAIDOC Week 7th – 14th July 2019

Voice Treaty Truth

NAIDOC Week honours the rich and diverse culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the oldest continuous living culture on the planet. This year's event is inspired by the theme **"Voice, Treaty, Truth"**.

The Indigenous voice of this country is over 65,000 plus years old. They are the first words spoken on this continent. Languages



that passed down lore, culture and knowledge for over millennia. They are precious to our nation. It's that Indigenous voice that includes know-how, practices, skills and innovations - found in a wide variety of contexts, such as agricultural, scientific, technical, ecological and medicinal fields, as well as biodiversity-related knowledge.

To celebrate NAIDOC Week the Taungurung Land and Waters Council have collaborated with the Y Water Discovery Centre @Yea Wetlands to present an exciting program of exhibitions and workshops.

The Taungurung are the Traditional Owners of a large part of central Victoria including all of TGN region. Workshops will feature Taungurung women, Angela ten Buuren (Franklin) and Cassie Leatham, who will impart their knowledge of indigenous plants and traditional uses. **On Wed. 10 July & Sat. 13 July.**

Kids won't miss out, with a school holiday art activity to be held on **Wednesday 10 July** with artist Cassie Leatham and a storytime session on **Saturday 13 July** with Taungurung Elder Uncle Larry Walsh.

On the final day, **14th July**, hear Taungurung Land & Waters Council CEO, Matthew Burns discuss Treaty.

What does Treaty mean? What does Treaty look like?

For exact details and times ring **57972663** or check out the website -

<http://www.ywatercentre.com.au/news/item/57-naidoc-week>

or trybooking.com/BDHOF

Nominal fees apply for each session.

Strathbogie "Bogie Tree" in Ruffy

Following a community workshop in Ruffy in 2018 a key priority was identified. Namely, **"to identify ways to provide local information, keep the local community informed about activities, reduce social isolation and support members of the community who may need some extra support."** We have arranged for the Administrator of The "Bogie Tree" to meet with us at the Tablelands Community Centre immediately following our Community First Aid course on Sunday 7 July around 1.30pm. The afternoon will commence with a light lunch and then Johnno O'Brien will show us how it works in Strathbogie and the pros and cons for their community. There will be plenty of chances for discussion to see if we can create a similar tool in the Ruffy Community. Please come along with an open mind and plenty of questions.

Enquiries: Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450

N.B. For those of you asking the question, "What is the Bogie Tree?" (as I did) it's basically "an electronic bush telegraph that local members can join and use as a communication tool. It will be moderated and is not political or a forum for venting. Sort of like a local Facebook but without being a part of Facebook."



DON'T FORGET...the MOBILE LIBRARY (a valuable community service)

will be visiting Highlands on **Wednesday July 3rd & 17th 10.30-12.30**. Why not borrow a book or become a Social Senior?



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Letter to Editor

My Tribute to Bob Hawke

Having watched the magnificent memorial service for Bob Hawke, I thought back to the first day that I met him - it was in the evening of Monday 3rd November 1980 (the day the new parliament was sworn in after the election), when he knocked on our office door in the old Parliament House. Our modest office was a joint one which I shared with the MP for the Northern Territory, the legendary Sam Calder OBE, DFC who was a WWII pilot.

Bob, the new MP for Wills, said **"G'day I'm a bit new around here and I'm in the office next door to you guys"**.

Well that was a bit of an understatement about being **"a bit new around here"** as he was known throughout the nation and Sam, who was always very welcoming and generous with the contents of our filing cabinets and fridge, said **"Wonderful Bob let's have a celebratory drink or two"**. Bob replied in typical style **"Bugger it Sam - don't offer me one - I've been off the grog now for a few months and it's killing me!"**

Over the next two years we saw quite a bit of Bob (of next door) - he'd come in and say **"Better watch out Sandy (or Sam) we're after you today in question time."**

I was a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation. The highlight of my eight years as a Country Party MP for Calare were the enquiries and campaigns we were involved in as a joint party committee. They included banning sand mining on Fraser Island, Kakadu uranium mining and protecting its wetlands, LNG facilities and 20,000 year old rock art in the Kimberley, hazardous carcinogenic chemical waste and a summer changeover visit to Antarctica to Casey Base (station waste disposal), Mawson's Hut (restoration & preservation) and Macquarie Island (eradication of rats and rabbits).

In 1960, as a school leaver, I was privileged to be in the party to climb Federation Peak in the wilds of South West Tasmania and to fly out from the beach of the unique Lake Pedder. Some ten years later the flooding of this pristine lake by the Tasmanian hydro-electric authority was an environmental tragedy that relatively few people knew about. When the Franklin River dam was planned, our Joint Committee undertook an enquiry and spent three days in the area and camped on the river - in driving rain. Our enquiry report strongly opposed the hydro project and called for Federal intervention. However Malcolm Fraser wouldn't challenge the Tasmanian liberal government as a matter of state's sovereign rights.

I was one of the few that spoke in the Parliament in opposition to the Cabinet's shelving of the Franklin case much to the irritation of my Tasmanian colleagues and many others.

As a result Bob (of next door) and I had a number of sessions on my experiences and views on the Franklin and also Antarctica. Bob also enjoyed talking to Sam about his extensive knowledge of aboriginal issues in the Territory.

So when the High Court upheld the Commonwealth case under the new legislation that Bob brought in when Prime Minister in 1983, which saved the Franklin and launched a national awareness of environmental challenges, I would like to think that our Sandy and Sam chats may have had some bearing on his achievements as a much admired Australian.

My farewell to Bob, which was read on ABC Breakfast the day after he died, included these words

".. In the 1983 election Bob, when campaigning from a truck in Orange, saw me in the crowd and called out "Hey Sandy you're looking a bit miserable down there, come up here and I'll give you a bit of a hug".

And I accepted his invitation - such different days when the majority of MPs from all sides could be decent colleagues even mates ... VALE MATE, from next door.

Sandy MacKenzie - Avenel



Peter Dombrovskis' stunning photo - Morning Mist, Rock Island Bend, Franklin River.
The photo that 'saved' the Franklin River.