



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

The second half of the year has arrived and with it some snow on the higher peaks...at last. Despite the minus temperatures and the most welcome rain, the depths of winter doesn't seem to be much of a deterrent to the socialising in our local area. From card nights to the return of swing dancing, film nights and the usual coffee mornings, drinks in various locations and rambling across the hills we haven't slowed down to accommodate winter at all. Enjoy the activities. Until next week **Pauline And Kenny?** was becoming a Social Senior!

## 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.

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Email [hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au](mailto: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



### Terrific news for Terip

We received some great news this week from Murrindindi Shire.

They have approved funding for the installation of new bi-fold doors at the Community Centre. The new doors will enable the room to be opened up onto the verandah and make it much more user friendly space for our events. We will work to have the job completed by our Melbourne Cup Day event. Our recent Trivia Night was great fun with first prize being taken out by a very "knowledgeable" team from Ruffy. Everyone is looking forward to our next event when hopefully Terip can win back the honour of Trivia Champs. Thanks to everyone that attended and helped with supper and prizes.



**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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**Celebrating Bastille Day –14th July**

**"How can one govern a country that has 246 different types of cheese?"**

Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970)

**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 soon.



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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
June	90.9 mm	71.6 mm
2019Total	264.1 mm	101.1 mm
June Rain Days	20 Days	?? Days

## Community Notices & Classifieds

### CALENDAR of EVENTS — July & August

Friday 19th July Doors open @ 6.45pm	<b>MURRINDINDI FILM SOCIETY</b> Another excellent film the 1958 Western drama "The Naked Spur" set in 1868 in the Rockies stars James Stewart, Roberts Ryan and Janet Leigh. <b>at Yea Shire Chambers</b> <b>Enquiries? Jill 57972480</b>
Saturday 20th July @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	<b>LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP</b> All welcome come along to either participate or spectate over 4 weeks of Saturday night card games. Overall winner will receive a prize & bragging rights. A great night for socializing & learning new skills. <b>at Terip Rec Reserve</b>
Thursday 25th July @ 5.30pm	<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>
Saturday 27th July @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	<b>LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP</b> All welcome come along to either participate or spectate over 4 weeks of Saturday night card games. Overall winner will receive a prize & bragging rights. A great night for socializing & learning new skills. <b>at Terip Rec Reserve</b>
Sunday 28th July @ 10.30am	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> No idea who's leading or where we're going. Suggestions welcome. <b>departing from Highlands Hall</b> <b>Louise 0435 990 538</b>
Saturday 3rd August @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	<b>LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP</b> All welcome come along to either participate or spectate over 4 weeks of Saturday night card games. Overall winner will receive a prize & bragging rights. A great night for socializing & learning new skills. <b>at Terip Rec Reserve</b>
Monday 5th August @ 7.30	<b>TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM</b> All welcome. <b>at Terip Rec Reserve</b> <b>Enquiries? Cindy 0429 772011</b>
Friday 9th August @ 6.30pm	<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>
Monday 12th August @ 11am	<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>
Wednesday 14th August @ 9.30am	<b>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</b> 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. <b>at Terip Community Centre</b>
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<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 3 dates for 2019 - July 17th &amp; 31st, August 14th &amp; 28th, September 11th &amp; 25th and October 2nd.</b> <b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
Every Monday @ 10 am	<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>
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	<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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## Creating a Frog Friendly Farm Dam

### Facts

- \* Frogs need logs, rocks, open water and lots of different vegetation types.
- \* Indigenous plants provide the best habitat, are adapted to local conditions and generally won't be weedy.
- \* Some frog species, such as Growling Grass Frogs, are disappearing from our landscapes.
- \* Only male frogs call - they are trying to attract females!
- \* Identify frog calls and record any frog sightings by downloading Goulburn Broken CMA's FREE iSpy Frogs app to your iphone or ipad.

**Next issue - What you will need.** With thanks to GBCMA



The Peron's Tree Frog has a call that is a maniacal cackle and sounds like a chain-saw!

## Successful First Aid Course

The Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy was the venue for our second Community First Aid Session. It was well attended on Sunday 7 July, 2019. St John Ambulance provided the training and it attracted people from all over the Tablelands, including as far as Yea, Longwood, Terip and Ruffy. The course was funded by the Ruffy Community Action Group and thanks goes to the Terip Tennis Club for their terrific catering for lunch. During lunch a presentation was given by Strathbogie residents on their "Electronic Bush Telegraph" and how we might apply it to the Ruffy Community.



## The Deception of Ignorance

A recent study described Americans on their attitudes to genetically modified foods (New Scientist 26.01.19). 'It turns out that those most concerned about GM foods also knew the least about GM foods.' The authors indicated that, 'the less people know, the more opposed they are to scientific consensus.'

The study also showed that those who knew the least were those who believed they knew the most. The finding is no surprise. There are numerous areas of controversy where the same phenomenon appears. It would be interesting to survey those who are against vaccinations, certainly they appear to have denied the scientific consensus. We can say similar things about the climate crisis.

This raises the perennial problem of how peoples' minds can be changed? Quoting a scientific consensus does not work for everyone. Today we are told that facts are irrelevant, it is all about perceptions and emotions. This is definitely the case on Twitter and social media, where conspiracy theories abound and half hearted and sometimes bizarre opinions predominate. We have Trump as the model and politicians are frequent culprits, but we do need to examine our own way of dealing with difficult issues and situations.

When we don't know something, there is a tendency to make a quick judgement often fed by innate prejudice or fear.

I recently heard someone comment on the mess the UK is in over Brexit. He asked the question did the people who voted for Brexit, really consider how it could be done? Maybe we need to think more carefully of implications, when we vote, when we are tempted to be uncompromising on an issue. Perhaps listening not only to what the other person is saying but listening to ourselves; so how do you listen to yourself?

**Stuart Reid  
Highlands**

## DON'T FORGET...the MOBILE LIBRARY

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