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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As you may or may not be aware The Granite News is an initiative of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare Group and has been a part of our community since 2007. The HCCC also employs two facilitators - Janet Hagen and Neil van Buuren - who in their positions ensure that local landholders can have access to funding, local knowledge and equipment hire to deal with problem plants and animals. However, like all Landcare facilitators, they also assist in, "enabling people to do something practical about protecting and restoring Australia's unique environment." Without such expertise to guide and organise courses, field days and suchlike any Landcare programs and initiatives would then become the responsibility of local volunteers to organise and co-ordinate. Sadly over the longer term this may not be a sustainable option. If you are at all interested in the future directions of Landcare you might consider the article below and then completing the survey that closes NEXT Tuesday. Until next week **Pauline** And Kenny? was "attending" the First Aid Course

## HCCC News

To all HCCC members and readers of The Granite News

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is reviewing the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP). This program has aimed to build on the strengths of Victorian Landcare by funding Landcare facilitators who are employed across the state. While the program has been operating since 2011, this review is focused on the last four years of the program, as a part of normal government processes.

While this may be a normal process, the government is also after feedback from Landcare members on the future of the Facilitator funding. Please read the email below and if you have a few a spare minutes please log on to the survey and have your say on the future of the funding.

All members of the Victorian community with an interest in Landcare or in similar community environment programs are invited to complete the survey here: [surveymonkey.com/r/VLFP2019](https://surveymonkey.com/r/VLFP2019)

Closing date/time for survey: 11:59pm on Tuesday 23 July 2019.



## End of Season Meeting - Highlands-Caveat RFB

The Highlands-Caveat RFB will be holding its End of Season Meeting on **Saturday 27th July**, commencing at **9am** at the **Highlands Hall**. The meeting will be followed by breakfast - egg & bacon rolls, fruit, tea & coffee. Everybody is welcome. Please RSVP to [highlandscfa@gmail.com](mailto:highlandscfa@gmail.com) for catering purposes.



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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July 20th 1969

"That's one small step for man,  
one giant leap for mankind."

Neil Armstrong (1930 - 2012)

50th anniversary - man on the moon

**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.

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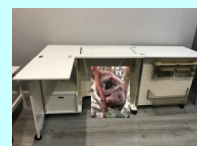


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## Community Notices & Classifieds

### CALENDAR of EVENTS — July & August

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 @ 9am	<b>HIGHLANDS / CAVEAT CFA END of SEASON MEETING</b> All welcome, please RSVP <a href="mailto:highlandscfa@gmail.com">highlandscfa@gmail.com</a> for catering purposes. See p.1. <b>at Highlands Hall</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>
Saturday 10th 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 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 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

### What you will need:

- 1. Water:** preferably some shallow water although it doesn't matter if your dam dries out from time to time.
- 2. Native Vegetation:** shrubs, trees, grasses, reeds, rushes and aquatic plants—Indigenous plant nurseries such as the Euroa Arboretum can supply all of these plants. This vegetation helps filter pollutants from the water as well as provide sheltered places for the frogs to call from. Aquatic plants provide food and shelter for frogs and tadpoles.
- 3. Logs and rocks:** both in and out of the dam provide shelter from the sun and predators.
- 4. Fencing:** to stop stock grazing vegetation around the dam edge and to reduce nutrient run-off.

With thanks to GBCMA



The Eastern Banjo or Pobblebonk Frog has a very distinctive call - Pobblebonk, pobblebonk - except when it's mating time and then he just calls Bonk!

## Fruit Fly have flown south for the Winter

The Queensland fruit fly (QFF) is officially in our Shire - act now to save your backyard orchard and/or vegie patch.

Now that this highly destructive pest has been formally identified in several sites in our Shire, *it is only a matter of time before you will find it in your own vegie patch and orchard.*

Yea River Catchment Landcare Group is presenting its third workshop on the QFF on **Saturday, 31 August** (see flyer attached for details) in the Murphy's extensive orchard and vegie patch.

Here is an important opportunity to learn how to ID the QFF, understand its life cycle for most effective control, and how to use lures, traps and nets to monitor and control it.

Even if you have attended former workshops, it's a good opportunity to refresh/prepare for the coming season.

There will be an Ag Vic specialist consultant on the day to lead the discussion/answer questions.



## Time to think about Paterson's Curse

With the very dry summer and the increase in bare ground it's 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](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.

## ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE for 18-35 year olds

At the beginning of June the 'next gen' of Landcare enthusiasts - Intrepid Landcare - commenced their activities with a BBQ and information session in Yea. They now appear to be off and running with their next event. So if you fit the demographic go, go, go!

Hi all

Annette and I have our next event organised, it is on **Sunday 28th July** along the Rail Trail at Homewood.

We will be planting trees for National

Tree Day and are going to go on a tour of a local wild-life shelter. Please see attached flyer for more details, and we also have a Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/406178736667348/>

So far we have a few people interested which is great!

Kind regards,

**Jess Robinson**





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