



THE GRANITE NEWS

28TH JULY 2019

VOLUME 13

ISSUE 24

WHITEHEADS CREEK • TERIP TERIP • CAVEAT • RUFFY • HIGHLANDS • HUGHES CREEK

Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

A very important environmental issue is highlighted below. Please consider its contents carefully & whether your property is impacted. Until next week, **Pauline** And Kenny? was hiding in the sewing cabinet.

HCCC News

Do you have a problem with wildlife and pest animals?

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) is responding to a concern from its membership to investigate the problems associated with pest animals and the risks to bio security in the region and suggest possible remedies.

In some areas of the Hughes Creek Catchment there may be a problem with wildlife in excessive numbers causing damage to property, leading to loss of productivity, damage to farmland and fencing and the degradation of the natural environment.

Wildlife can also pose a threat to human safety or suffer from disease in areas where the species is over-abundant. Where this occurs, sometimes wildlife populations need to be controlled to manage the problem.

We are looking for a cooperative way of solving this problem. Whilst the issue needs to be dealt with on a case by case basis by individual landowners, solving this problem requires cooperation between landowners and a more integrated approach across all property boundaries. Wildlife problems are not confined to property boundaries.

We recommend that landowners investigate the following as possible solutions to this problem - Apply for an [Authority to Control Wildlife \(ATCW\)](#)

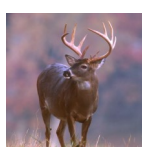
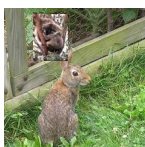
Apply to join the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial

Refer to the new regulations for controlling problem deer on private property

Please note that all native wildlife is protected in Victoria anyone wishing to control wildlife must have an authorisation from DELWP. The most common authorisation is an **Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW)** which can be obtained by applying to the regional DELWP office in Benalla. Make sure that as a landowner you have **current** ATCW, this authority protects the landowner and any shooter you invite on to the property from committing any breach in the regulations. Note that an ATCW is only valid for one (1) year.

Wildlife control must be lawful, thoughtful and well planned. It must consider the needs of people to protect their land, property and safety and it must also ensure animal welfare is protected.

Article continued on p.3.



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



Hughes Creek
Catchment
Collaborative
Landcare

Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

or to subscribe on-line go to

www.highlands.org.au

"My fans have made me, and I love every single one of them."

John Farnham

who turned 70 on July 1st, yes really, 70!

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

FOR SALE

Donkey Poo/Straw Mulch

\$25 6x4 Trailer load.

We will load with tractor

Phone John & Deb 0412 251114

Amelia Rise Donkeys, Hee Haw Farm, Caveat Rd, Terip.



FOR SALE

Horn Kensington MK#2 Sewing/Quilting cabinet. Excellent condition, white colour \$450.

Ph: Carol

0417 362826






WEBSITE of the WEEK

www.coolaustralia.org

On p.3 there is an interesting, albeit disturbing, fact about Australia's water consumption. To find out further information check out this website.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — August

Saturday 3rd August @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP 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.	at Terip Rec Reserve
Monday 5th August @ 7.30	TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM All welcome.	at Terip Rec Reserve Enquiries? Cindy 0429 772011
 Friday 9th August @ 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 57969247 & Contact Judy
Saturday 10th August @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP 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.	at Terip Rec Reserve
 Monday 12th August @ 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 14th August @ 9.30am	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
Saturday 17th August @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP 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.	at Terip Rec Reserve
 Saturday 24th August 12 - 2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
 Sunday 25th August	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS A date for your diary but stay tuned for further details....	
Thursday 29th August from 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	at Caveat Church
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. Why not pop in? Term 3 dates for 2019 - July 31st, August 14th & 28th, September 11th & 25th and October 2nd.	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 0418 899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559



Proudly supported by Yea & District
Community Bank® Branch

Over \$180,000 back in to the community
and proudly supporting the Granite News!

66 High Street, Yea VIC 3717 | 5797 2188 | Find us on Facebook

WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

Do you have a problem with wildlife and pest animals? Continued.....

As a first step, identify the species that is causing the problem, doing so will help you choose an effective management method. Animal identification guides can be helpful. Your local DELWP wildlife officer may also be able to assist you.

This article should be read in accordance with all the rules and regulations to control pest animals. HCCC is not providing legal advice, but general information taken from the government sources.

The HCCC is not advocating the indiscriminate culling of animals or managing / organising culling.

NB: Please refer to the attached article for further detailed information Thank you

Water, water everywhere...well, not quite

A study by Hoekstra & Chapagain (water experts) found that Australian households hold the worst record for water consumption in the world. On average, each Australian uses 341,000 litres annually –that’s around 8 backyard swimming pools each! The closest to us is Canada with 279,000 litres per year with the world average just 57,000 litres per person per year.

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.



Freedom of Religion

Since the same sex marriage legislation, the question of freedom of religion has come up for discussion in and out of parliament. Some religious groups feel that the legislation threatens their religious freedom, fearing it will deny them the right to decide who they want to teach in their schools or work in their institutions.

The same people and same organizations who have for years discriminated and sometimes abused LGBTQI people (eg: Israel Falau), now want the government to reinforce the legislation to continue their right to discriminate, using our taxes to support them.

I am all for religious freedom but it is a difficult area in which to find consensus, just as it is for freedom of speech. There is a real dilemma, it is one group’s right over the rights of another group. One uses a literal interpretation of a sacred text (Christian, Jewish, or Muslim) as their reason to be uncompromising, while the other group seeks the right to be free of discrimination and abuse.

Who will prevail in this debate?

Will it be those who claim to abide by traditional values and refuse to understand the essential nature of sexual orientation and gender identify? Or will it be those who simply want to be accepted as human beings and their differences recognized as valid? My sympathies are certainly with the latter, but is there a third way to deal with this dilemma? Maybe what is needed, is more empathy on both sides, less arrogance behind the attitude that says, ‘I’m right and everyone else is wrong’. In the end ‘justice’ is key, remembering that true justice is based on love and compassion. It is something we can’t legislate, but we can act on. Where do you stand?

Stuart Reid - Highlands

Black Market back on track for August...and anyone for pruning?

Don’t forget that the local “Black Market” operates on the 4th Saturday of the month in Highlands with Clare keen to offer a pruning workshop in spring. She has spoken to friends Brian and Jessica (gardeners extraordinaire from Seymour) about running a pruning & grafting workshop in August or September. Cost would be \$30-\$40 depending on numbers.

If you are interested, please text Clare **0428 969366**, so that she can finalise details & costs.



Don’t forget the Mobile Library is visiting Wed. 31st July 10.30-12.30 at the Highlands Hall. Be there!



HABBIES HOWE BEEF

MATURE, WELL HUNG &
AVAILABLE
IGA SEYMOUR
GARY'S MEATS, PRAHRAN
MARKET
L&L MEATS, BENTLEIGH

SCOTCH AND FILLET
ST HELENA, MENTONE &
MERNDA

KOPANICA PASTORAL



PH. 0357 904 235
MOB. 0429 804 235

RABBIT RIPPING, DAMS, DRIVEWAYS
GENERAL EARTHWORKS & EQUIP. HIRE

HILLSIDE FENCING & WEED SPRAYING

SUSAN & PETER KRICKIC
0421 407 721 (03) 5796 9192



CF & HL HANDASYDE BUILDERS
Established 1978
NEW HOMES, EXTENSIONS,
RENOVATIONS, DOMESTIC, RURAL
ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS.
Registered Building Practitioner
Call Colin for a quote
Telephone: 0419 502 782

ruffy
produce store
www.ruffy.com.au

open lunch fridays
dinner every
friday night
weekends & holidays
breakfast from 8.30am
lunch from 12 noon
bookings a good idea
phone 5790 4387

SEYMOUR EQUINE & RURAL
Supplying everything you need
Products & Expertise in
- Animal Production
- Pasture/Crop Protection
- Fencing & Livestock Handling
PH: (03) 5792 1088

HELPING YOU GROW

FRANZ KLOFT MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Repairs & service of vehicles

Tyres, Windscreens, Exhausts,
Batteries, Wheel alignment,
Brakes, Automatic transmission
& we do New car servicing

Phone 5795 2910 FREE
38 Railway Street, Euroa QUOTES

BenCo PLUMBING SERVICES

Ben Laycock
License no. 105134

0438512299

bencoplumbingservices.com
ben@bencoplumbingservices.com.au

AG Fencing & Contracting Services

Grant Wheatley

All fence constructions,
Equipment maintenance & Pump
repairs, Blasting Service
"Not sure if we do it?"

Give us a call
0407 028 122

Koponica Pastoral Company P/L Livestock, Water and General Cartage We Will Cart Anything

Phone 5790 4235
Mobile 0447 775 247

Reiki Insight
Natural Healing
0425 794 838
7 The Semi Circle Yea.
www.reikiinsight.com

Thompson Sound

Pty Ltd



Sound PA Systems for
Special Events

Stephen 0409 672 602

www.thompsonsound.com.au

IT Professional in the Highlands

Can help with all problems with
your mobile phone, I Pad, box
computer or any
email issues



Happy to travel

John Rogers 0478 221311

EDUCATION SPACE For Hire

The Tablelands Community
Centre at Ruffy
Ideal for Meetings, Lectures or Arts
& Crafts

Very Reasonable Rates
Contact Melissa Macdowall
0404 833388

LAWSON
General earthworks & hole boring
Shed design, construction & removal
Metal fabrication & welding
Crane truck hire
Callum - 0437 182 223
lawsonbluetop@gmail.com

de Castella Design & Construction

"DESIGNING & BUILDING WITH YOU"

Pre-purchase Inspection & Owner Builder Assistance Available

- Homes
- Renovations
- Extensions



Will de Castella

- Decks
- Verandahs
- Carports

YEA & DISTRICTS

0432 991 992

Donation from Supporters of the SUGAR GLIDER



Chris Sharman
Energy Efficiency & Solar Energy
Specialist
Acme - Air Conditioning |
Electrical | Solar
M: 0418 551 301
T: Office - 9785 7339
E: chris@acmeair.com.au



HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL

Meeting Room and/or Hall
available for hire

MEETINGS
FUNCTIONS
WORKSHOPS
PARTIES
WEDDINGS

Reasonable rates
Contact Judy Cameron
5796 9247

SEYMOUR & DISTRICT
• ROADS
• DAMS
• LAND CLEARING
• TREE REMOVAL
All aspects of earthmoving

Mark Kelly 0428 547 788 | Andrew Shaw 0427 969 297
kellbell25@bigpond.com

[DKO] CONSTRUCTIONS

Building • Carpentry • Construction

0477 640 590

A GRADE
POWER & SOLAR
Solar Design & Installation
Experts in Off Grid Battery
Systems, Solar Grid Tied
and back up Generators.
Craig Andrew 0419889555

Kelly's Hut
B&B
Coming Soon
both ad & hut



ROGAINING