



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Last year I included an article by Hayley Purbrick, 5th generation vigneron from Tahbilk, that highlighted some important aspects of climate change. In the August/September issue of Tahbilk's newsletter she has once again raised some very valid and thoughtful points. The following is reprinted with her permission.

Until next week, **Pauline**
And Kenny? was fraternising with a feral, again!

Has Climate Change hijacked our ability to think rationally?

I've been thinking a lot lately that the words climate change have sent us all into an extreme panic over something that most of us can't articulate. This big scary picture which is so big we can't figure out what to do except point fingers at 'them', 'those people', the ones who don't seem scared enough. Blaming them for our woes.

Is the blaming helpful? It may help us all feel a bit better in the short term that we are morally superior to all the perceived 'thems' out there, but what is it achieving? I personally believe it is achieving nothing and goes very far towards why we seem so stuck in this climate conundrum. I take the philosophy that we are all human, and as humans we leave a footprint on the earth—we consume. We eat, devour, munch, chomp and guzzle. We expend, utilise, exhaust, get through and use up. Is this a problem? Well, yes it can be if we never stop to think about how much we are consuming and the impact.

Every living creature on the earth consumes food it's just that we, as human beings, consume a lot more than just food. Unlike every other living creature, a lot of stuff we consume requires non-renewable energy to create it - burning finite resources which aren't capable of being replenished. Sounds problematic. But we like clothes, travel, turning the lights on at night, flicking on our array of gadgets and being warm. Well, I know these are things I like! Luckily for us, the discovery of coal is man's earliest source of heat and light and has enabled communities to prosper, thrive, create and innovate. Thus creating this pretty amazing world we live in.

Our wealth has led us to a place where we can reflect and understand that we can't continue the way we are. Our supportive ecosystem, our natural resources, through our consumption are being used up, and they are starting to struggle under the pressure to support us and our habits. So, what can we do about it?

Well, we can wait for the government to create effective policy to help steer the ship in the right direction, but we can also take an individual responsibility to ask ourselves what am I willing to give up? What is my purpose in solving this problem?..... So... my final thought is what can we, as individuals, do to be part of the change? One positive action is to support those businesses that are being pro-active. It does take some effort to research which companies are pro-active, but the information is readily available via the web.

Hayley Purbrick - Tahbilk



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July	72.5 mm	21.1 mm
2019Total	336.6 mm	mm
July	19 Days	Days
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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

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — August

Monday 5th August	TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM	at Terip Rec Reserve
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 17th August @ 8pm	CANYON celebrates WOODSTOCK'S 50th ANNIVERSARY Another extravaganza from  See p.3 for further details	at Ruffy Public Hall
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
Saturday 24th August	MACRAME WORKSHOP Macrame, that creative knot craft of the 70s is making a comeback. See p.3 for more details.	at Tablelands Community Centre
Sat.24th & Sun. 25th August 9.30-4 & 9.30-12	QIGONG WORKSHOP - Restoring Natural Harmony See attachment for details. Bookings are essential.	at One to One Wellbeing Centre, Euroa Enquiries? Vivien Watmough 57953349
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 - 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



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MACRAME WORKSHOP

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE RUFFY

Saturday 24th August 2019

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If you are interested in being a part of this workshop please call or text your email address - **Knots For You 0429 452 592**



Living the Change

Join Yea River Catchment Landcare Group's annual film and soup night **Sat. 30th Aug.** (see flier attached).

Enjoy a delicious variety of home-cooked soups and watch **LIVING THE CHANGE**. This is an inspiring documentary that explores solutions to the global crises we face today – solutions any one of us can be a part of – through the uplifting stories of people pioneering change in their own lives and communities in order to live in a sustainable and regenerative way.

RSVP Judy Brookes by 23 Aug: juncball@bigpond.com

Anyone for pruning?

Clare is keen to offer a pruning workshop in spring. She has spoken to friends Brian and Jessica (gardeners extraordinaire from) about running a pruning & grafting workshop in August or September. Cost would be \$30-\$40 to be confirmed. If you are interested, please text Clare **0428 969366**, so that she can finalise details & costs.



Switch off and unplug appliances = save \$\$\$

A quick and easy way to reduce your electricity bill is to turn off appliances at the powerpoint when you're not using them. When things like computers and TVs switch into standby mode, they still use electricity, which can really add up over time. Get into the habit of turning off and unplugging your kettle, washing machine, stereo and other items when you're not using them. Other ways to switch off and save are:

- **Unplug your second fridge** - If you have a second fridge, keep it unplugged & switched off until you need it.
- **Dress for the temperature** - Put on a jumper and warm socks instead of turning on the heater.
- **Avoid using the dryer** - Hang your washing outside on sunny days, and use an indoor clothes rack when it's raining, instead of using the clothes dryer.
- * **Hot water bottle** - Use a hot water bottle instead of an electric blanket. If you do use an electric blanket, turn it on to warm up the bed before you get in, then turn it off.

Canyon celebrate Woodstock 50th anniversary

In August 1969, the Woodstock Music Festival hosted the newly formed Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young debut concert. Fifty years later, four piece Melbourne band Canyon continue to share the love by bringing their Woodstock 50th Anniversary tour to Ruffy in August as part of the 2019 regional Café Culture Series. Canyon's line-up is singer, songwriter and guitarist Peter Chapman, singer, co-song writer & percussionist Louise Dempsey, Bruce Packard on vocals, bass and mandolin and Josh Bennett on vocals and multiple guitars.

Canyon's current tour features tastefully arranged and impressive acoustic versions of many of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young's greatest songs, including some of those first heard by the world 50 years ago at Woodstock that also inspired and became a major influence on the distinctive sound of Canyon's original compositions about deserts, forests, raging water, open highways and broken hearts. Their concert also features many other great songs from the 'Laurel Canyon/ Westcoast' tradition of the 60s and 70s such as America, Jackson Browne, Linda Ronstadt, The Band, Little Feat, Seals & Crofts, Emmy Lou Harris and Joni Mitchell.

Canyon invite you to set the scene at the show by embracing your inner hippie and reaching into the depths of your wardrobe to dress in your most colourful and peace loving, flower power outfit. There will be a prize for the best dressed!!

If you are keen to relive some of the greatest songs ever written, along with Canyon's originals performed in splendid four-part harmonies, then secure your seat for their Ruffy performance at the **Ruffy Public Hall at 8pm on Saturday 17 August, presented by Ruffartz** and supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria. Tickets are on sale now from Christine Ford, ticket secretary on 0419 561 386 or email ruffartztickets@gmail.com

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