



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Snow anyone?? Winter certainly arrived with a vengeance last Thursday and the temperature plummeted, not too sure how the rainfall gauges fared but there's no doubt August should have a better bottom line for rainfall than previous months if this keeps up. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** was hanging out with Canyon and Woodstock's music.

Highlands/Caveat RFB End of Season Meeting

On July 27th more than 30 people attended the HCRFB End Of Season Meeting on Saturday morning. Captain, Scott McKay, summed up a busy fire season: Four main fires were attended by the brigade last season – 5 attended at Avenel, 38 at Caveat, 30 at Ruffy. Scott personally thanked all who attended the Strathnaver fire at Caveat. Pre-season training was attended by 27 members and conducted by Les Lawson. Jim McCooley inducted 3 new volunteers. Thank you to Les and Jim for their great efforts.

Scott also thanked Callum & Tim for managing maintenance items; Peter & Pauline for their work as secretary & treasurer and to Judy for comms and organizing the crews for the Ruffy & Caveat fires. Special thanks to Jim who ran the fire at Strathnaver.

Spring training will be held in early October, date to be advised.

By **Melissa McDowell**



Important Request...

Would all those interested in Highlands Ramblers continuing please email Louise at mlcurrie@bigpond.com by the end of August at the latest. Thanks.



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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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 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 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 16th August	CLOSING DATE for UGLN Facilitator Position See Attachment and p.3 for further details
Saturday 17th August @ 6.30-7 & 7-8.30	LIGHTNING SERIES - WINTER CARD NIGHTS @ TERIP at Terip Rec Reserve 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.
Saturday 17th August @ 8pm	CANYON celebrates WOODSTOCK'S 50th ANNIVERSARY at Ruffy Public Hall Another  extravaganza. See last week's TGN for details. Enquiries? Christine 0419 561386
 Saturday 24th August 12 - 2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
Saturday 24th August	MACRAME WORKSHOP at Tablelands Community Centre Macrame, that creative knot craft of the 70s is making a comeback. See p.3 in 4/8/19's TGN for details.
Sat.24th & Sun. 25th August 9.30-4 & 9.30-12	QIGONG WORKSHOP - Restoring Natural Harmony at One to One Wellbeing Centre, Euroa See attachment for details. Bookings are essential. Enquiries? Vivien Watmough 57953349
 Sunday 25th August @ 10.30am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS departing from Highlands Hall A date for your diary, please let Louise Currie know ASAP if you are attending. 0435 990538
Thursday 29th August from 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
Friday 30th August @ 7pm	SOUP & MOVIE NIGHT— Living the Change at Yea Council Chambers Yea River Catchment Landcare Group present inspiring stories for a sustainable future. See attachment for further details. Enquiries? Judy 0448 972563
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 - August 14th & 28th, September 11th & 25th and October 2nd.
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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Hughes Creek Aquatic Project—Update

In February this year, 26 sites between Avenel and Tarcombe were surveyed for **Macquarie Perch** (*Macquaria australasica*), predominantly via backpack electrofishing. This included 19 control sites and seven habitat restoration sites. A total of 626 fish were captured, measured and weighed, of which native fish accounted for 51% of the catch. The most abundant native species caught was **River Blackfish**, while the most abundant introduced species was **Common Carp**. There was a significant decrease in **Redfin** abundance with only 43 individuals collected compared to 366 in 2018, which can be attributed to successful targeted exotic species reduction in both autumn and spring last year and the unfavourable drought conditions. Only 46 **Macquarie Perch** were captured, which is comparable to surveys conducted in 2012 following drought and flood, and consistent with other **Macquarie Perch** populations in the GB catchment. Despite the low flows/drought conditions at time of surveying, the **Macquarie Perch** captured were generally in good condition and were not displaying signs of stress. **Macquarie Perch & River Blackfish** were confirmed to be using habitat structures within six of the eight works sites, including three of the four new habitat sites completed just last year with Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) funding. **by Christine Glassford**



Love Literature at the YWDC

On **Wednesday 28th August**, the Y Water Discovery Centre is delighted to be hosting a book launch by one of the volunteer staff – Hendrik Dierich. Hendrik has written a book of poems and songs, entitled **Dark Spectrum** that showcases his talents and covers a wide range of topics and styles. He is very pleased and excited to be launching his first professional literary work at the Centre and invites anyone who is interested in poetry or literature to attend the official launch – **Wednesday 28th August at 3pm** – and then to enjoy a reading of some of his work. Afternoon tea will follow the launch formalities so **RSVPs for catering purposes, by August 21st**, are essential. Ring 57972663 or email info@ywatercentre.com.au to be a part of this excellent afternoon. For further information on the Y Water Discovery Centre visit www.ywatercentre.com.au, follow @ywaterdiscoverycentre or call 5797 2663.

Don't forget the Mobile Library is visiting

Wed. 14th Aug. 10.30-12.30 at the Highlands Hall. Be there!



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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