



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As tradition dictates next week's Granite News will be the last for a couple of weeks, due to the school holiday break. So if you have any articles or attachments it would be advisable to send them to the Editor's email fairly promptly. Also a reminder that **THURSDAY evening is the deadline** for any inclusions in that week's TGN. Your assistance with this is appreciated. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** was promoting Prof. Ari Hoffmann's talk.

History Of The Tablelands – Your Help Please

In July 2016 the Tablelands Community Centre was awarded a grant from the Public Record Office Victoria to assist with the Tablelands Local History Project. Since then, Fiona Steel has led the effort to gather artefacts, memorabilia, documents, photos and oral contributions from members of the Highlands, Caveat, Ruffy, Terip and Taungurung communities. Fiona also created a timeline which will be professionally designed and printed and then displayed permanently at the Tablelands Community Centre. We are seeking more information to complete this timeline.

The data extends back to when the Taungurung people occupied much of central Victoria & continues to the present day. This is a **living and local history** so the timeline includes formal facts plus many personal or family milestones. Examples of the information already received are:

Annual rainfall

Drought/plague/storm and fire events

Family or farm milestones:

- arrival in the district,
- academic & sporting achievements,
- first car/tractor in the area,
- important livestock sales or crop activity

Local landmarks & buildings:

- when built/used?
- when closed?
- activity highlights

Community/hobby/sporting/school groups:

- when formed?
- by whom?
- where did they meet?
- activity highlights



Already, the timeline is a fascinating read (thank you to our many contributors to date) and it is likely to jog memories and prompt further contributions. We need your help! **Please contact Fiona (0427-690-970) or Melissa (0404-833-388)** if you would like to review the document or provide input. We can email or deliver the draft timeline to anyone who is interested but need to gather all data **by 18th October** to meet our printing deadline. Thank you in advance.

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



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au
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**"Sometimes the smallest things
can take up the most room in
your heart." - Winnie the Pooh
A.A. Milne (1882 – 1956)**

The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

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WEBSITE of the WEEK

<https://forecasts4profit.com.au/Local-Climate-Tool>

With thanks to Alistair Lade for this excellent website detailing the key climate drivers of ENSO & IOD and their seasonal effects.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — September & October

 Monday 9th September @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, at the same time and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. <i>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</i>
 Wednesday 11th September @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA <i>at Terip Community Centre</i> 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 13th September @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK <i>at Highlands Community Hall</i> 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. <i>57969247 & Contact Judy</i>
 Sunday 15th September NB: NEW date	MACRAME WORKSHOP <i>at Tablelands Community Centre</i> Macrame, that creative knot craft of the 70s is making a comeback. See details in previous TGNs.
Friday 20th September 6.30pm	YEA RIVER CATCHMENT LANDCARE AGM & SPEAKER <i>at Y Water Discovery Centre-</i> Come along to hear Fern Hames, the 'Fish Lady' speak about local fish, their conservation, habitat and the challenges they face. See attachment in last week's TGN. <i>Enquiries? Judy 0448 972563</i>
Friday 20th September 7 pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING <i>at Whiteheads Creek Hall</i> The next meeting will commence at 7pm. All welcome. <i>Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268</i>
Thurs. 26th September from 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS <i>at Caveat Church</i> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
 Sat. 28th September noon - 3pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET & PRUNING DEMO <i>at 94 Old Highlands Rd</i> Gardeners extraordinaire, Brian & Jessica, will be holding a pruning, grafting & espalier demonstration as part of September's Black Market. See previous TGNs for details. <i>Enquiries? Clare 0428 969366</i>
Friday 4th October 5pm - 8pm	ADAPTING NATURE to CLIMATE CHANGE <i>at Y Water Discovery Centre, Yea</i> The YWDC is offering a series of 6 speakers in 2019/20 that will hopefully "connect, engage & empower communities to be more environmentally aware." Prof. Ary Hoffmann kicks this off. See p.3 for details and an attachment this week. <i>Enquiries? 57972663</i>
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE <i>at Highlands Community Hall</i> The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? Term 3 dates for 2019 - September 11th & 25th and October 2nd.
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY <i>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</i> 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! <i>at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</i> Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! <i>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</i>



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Goulburn Broken Platypus Search

The platypus is a popular Australian icon, however, very little is known about how this unique animal is faring across much of Victoria. A major study is now being launched to monitor platypus in creeks and rivers in the Goulburn Broken Catchment and the good news is that local residents can play a key role in keeping track of this fascinating monotreme. Platypus experts from the Australian Platypus Conservancy will be providing guided platypus spotting and help train interested people on how to monitor their local platypus populations. The best time to spot platypus is either dawn or dusk. The following information sessions will last around an hour.

*** King Parrot Creek, Moores Rd Reserve Flowerdale
Tuesday 17th September @ 5.30pm**

*** Seymour, Walking track near Old Goulburn Bridge
Wednesday 18th September @ 7am**

*** Yea, Y Water Discovery Centre, Wednesday 18th
September @ 5.30pm & Thursday 19th September @
7am**

The sessions are free, but registration is essential. Please **RSVP to Sue Kosch on 57974400** or suek@gbcm.vic.gov.au by **5pm Mon. 16th September**. This project is funded by the Victorian Government



Adapting Nature to Climate Change

The Y Water Discovery Centre is proud to host the first in the **2019/20 Speaker Series** that aims to - connect, engage & empower communities to be more environmentally aware. The natural world is currently facing unprecedented challenges due to a combination of climate change, invasive species and habitat destruction. To help minimise the impact of these processes on populations, species and communities, it is critical that natural systems can adapt and evolve. Professor Ary Hoffmann, from Melbourne University will explore this important topic and discuss options for the future.

Date - Friday 4th October from 5 - 8pm

Venue - Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood St, Yea

RSVPs for catering are required, either ring 57972663 or book on-line at www.trybooking.com/BEDPN



Yea Garden Expo - 21 & 22 September

For all those readers who are keen gardeners a must do for your diaries is the upcoming Garden Expo in Yea organised by the local Rotary Club. Entry is \$7 for adults and children are free. There are so many attractions on offer a trip to their website is warranted.

www.yeagardenexpo.com.au



Food Security in a Changing World

1:30 pm Tuesday 1st October 2019

Chittick Community Place, Chittick Park, Pollard St., Seymour

Jen Sheridan is a community facilitator for Open Food Network Australia and leads a number of federally funded regional food system development projects in Victoria. She has a background in journalism and academia, including as a researcher on the Know Your Foodbowl project at the Food Alliance at Deakin University and then the Foodprint Melbourne project at Melbourne University.

Jen will be speaking about food security in a changing world - in particular some of the threats presented by climate change, corporate consolidation, and urban planning. What are the greatest challenges to our food supply now and into the future? What can we do right now to try to avoid the worst of it? Jen will share a range of findings from research into the environmental impacts of feeding Australians now and in 2050, and how we can better plan for a secure food future. This message is an important one for everyone, and our region in particular, given that food production is at the heart of the Goulburn Valley.

Everyone is welcome; a gold coin donation is appreciated; afternoon tea will be served.



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