



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

It seems that a lot can happen in just 2 weeks, since the last Granite News, with a growing awareness amongst not only students, their teachers, parents and grandparents but also amongst local environmental groups as to the changing climate around us. After the U3A's Food Security in a Changing World and YWDC's Adapting Nature to Climate Change talks in recent weeks, the forthcoming calendar continues to offer events dealing with our changing climate. Yea River Landcare Group are presenting a dinner and discussion on Climate Smart Farming (26/10) and the YWDC is offering its second speaker, Prof. David Karoly, to discuss Climate Change and Community Responses (15/11). And in case you missed her powerful plea, TGN's regular contributor Stuart Reid has sent in Greta Thunberg's complete speech for us to contemplate. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** was having fun with the Ruffy Yoga class. Why not join them?

## Kangaroo Harvesting Program

The Kangaroo Harvesting Program (KHP) began in Victoria on 1 October 2019 to enable commercial harvesting of kangaroos in Victoria.

The Victorian Government's permanent Kangaroo Harvesting Program aims to assist in managing kangaroo populations around the state and support Victoria's kangaroo pet food industry.

Accredited shooters will now be able to harvest kangaroos and have carcasses processed for pet food by licensed businesses – making it easier for farmers, minimising waste and supporting jobs in regional communities.

The new program is administered by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, and includes strict safeguards to ensure harvesting is carried out at a sustainable level, that animal welfare standards are met, and that the livelihoods of local farmers are protected.

The Kangaroo Harvesting Program replaces the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial, which has run for the past five years & informed the design of the permanent program.

The program will ensure Victoria's kangaroo population is managed in a sustainable way, in line with animal welfare standards, while helping landowners who are having problems with kangaroos. These problems might include crop destruction, loss of water meant for livestock and damage to property such as fences.

The Kangaroo Harvesting Program operates in accordance with the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan:

Kangaroo harvest numbers will be dictated by a quota which will be updated every 12 months in response to kangaroo population surveys and population modelling.

From this quota, harvesters in different parts of Victoria can apply for a kangaroo allocation which dictates how many kangaroos they can harvest in any given region. The quota for the central region is 2,810.

**HCCC realises this may be a contentious issue, so see this week's attachment for further details and/or check out the link in the Website of the Week box.**

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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## Wanted

Cleaner required for cottage in Highlands.

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
September	61.9 mm	mm
2019Total	465.5 mm	mm
September Rain Days	13 Days	Days

## WEBSITE of the WEEK

[http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/kangaroo-harvesting-program?utm\\_source=agriculture-vic-gov-au&utm\\_medium=vanity-url-301ssredrect&utm\\_content=kangarooharvestingprogram&utm\\_campaign=agriculture](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/kangaroo-harvesting-program?utm_source=agriculture-vic-gov-au&utm_medium=vanity-url-301ssredrect&utm_content=kangarooharvestingprogram&utm_campaign=agriculture) = Kangaroo Harvesting

# Community Notices & Classifieds

## CALENDAR of EVENTS — October

 <p><b>Friday 11th October</b> <b>@ 6.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Highlands Community Hall</b></span></p> <p>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.</p>
 <p><b>Saturday 12th October</b> <b>@ 8.45am - 12.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>STRATHBOGIE RANGES CMN - Riparian Walk #2</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Wombat Creek</b></span></p> <p>Commencing from Fergusons Lane, Strathbogrie and finishing at Forlonge Memorial Road having walked along the Wombat Creek. Moderate difficulty with a length of 5km. See p.3 article for details.</p>
 <p><b>Sunday 13th October</b> <b>10am - 1pm</b></p>	<p><b>STOP MYNAS STRATHBOGIE - Workshop #1</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Euroa Arboretum</b></span></p> <p>Learn how to control Common Myna populations in your area and celebrate the official launch of the Stop Mynas Strathbogrie project. Lunch will be provided, RSVPs are essential see p.3 for more details. <a href="mailto:events@strathbogieranges.org">events@strathbogieranges.org</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday 13th October</b> <b>@ 1.15pm</b></p>	<p><b>An Afternoon of DAME NELLIE MELBA (Seniors' Week Concert)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Euroa Cinema</b></span></p> <p>Seniors living in Strathbogrie are invited to an afternoon of enjoyment, the Dame Nellie Melba concert &amp; memorabilia event. It is a <b>FREE</b> event, but bookings are essential. You can register on trybooking <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=537297">www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=537297</a>, or call <b>Council Offices on 1800 065 993</b></p>
 <p><b>Monday 14th October</b> <b>@ 11am</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b></p> <p>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 &amp; coffee will be provided. <span style="float: right;"><b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b></span></p>
<p><b>Saturday 19th October</b> <b>@ 11 am</b></p>	<p><b>FREE FARM FIELD DAY- Home Creek/Spring Creek Landcare</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at 3391 GV Hwy, Koriella</b></span></p> <p>Come along and discover how an integrated approach to farming is reaping the benefits of increased bio-diversity, drought resistance &amp; regeneration. See attachment. <b>RSVPs by 16/10 to Grant 0438 399972</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 25th October</b> <b>5.45pm for 6pm start</b></p>	<p><b>CLIMATE-SMART FARMING —Yea River Catchment Landcare</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Beaufort Manor, Yea</b></span></p> <p>Yea River Catchment Landcare Group is offering a 2 course dinner (\$25 pay on the night) &amp; a discussion with 3 experts, on Climate-Smart Farming. See attachment for more. <span style="float: right;"><b>Enquiries? Judy 0448 972563</b></span></p>
 <p><b>Saturday 26th October</b> <b>@ 9am</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RFB - Pre-season Training</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Highlands Fire Shed</b></span></p> <p>A second pre-season training session for any members who missed the first one. <b>RSVPs Judy 57969247</b></p>
 <p><b>Saturday 26th October</b> <b>10am –noon</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at 94 Old Highlands Rd</b></span></p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <span style="float: right;"><b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b></span></p>
<p><b>Thursday 31st October</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Caveat Church</b></span></p> <p>All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
<p><b>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b></p>	<p><b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Highlands Community Hall</b></span></p> <p>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? <b>Term 4 dates for 2019 - October 9th &amp; 30th, November 6th &amp; 20th and December 4th &amp; 18th.</b></p>
<p><b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b></p>	<p><b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b></span></p> <p>Yoga with Kylie Penny continues into spring. 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.</p>
<p><b>Every Thursday</b> <b>@ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</b></p>	<p><b>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</b></span></p> <p>Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! <span style="float: right;"><b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b></span></p>



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## Strathbogrie Ranges Riparian Walk #2

Our riparian walks are back and bigger than ever, with 6 walks covering the best of the bogies as well as some new gems. The aim of these walks is to become better acquainted with our local waterways, and record some of their standout features along the way.

The first walk in our new riparian walk series was the beautiful mineral springs in Ruffy, so now it's bogie's turn to wow walkers with its stunning scenery.

This walk is long (5km/3.5hours) and of moderate difficulty with several creek crossings and a lot of rock hopping. Hiking experience isn't necessary, but an average level of fitness and mobility will be required. The walk difficulty will increase drastically if wet weather precedes it, or if it's hot on the day.

Walkers will meet on the clearing on Fergusons Lane. From there, walkers will descend down Wombat Creek, following it to Forlonge Memorial Road. Walkers will then be driven back to their cars at the starting point.

Please note, as we'll be traversing private property on these walks, no dogs or other pets are allowed.

**RSVPs are essential**, so please email us at [events@strathbogieranges.org](mailto:events@strathbogieranges.org) to register your interest.



## Controlling the Common Myna

Do you want to get involved in controlling Common (Indian) Mynas but don't know where to start?

Join us at the **Euroa Arboretum**, 76 Hume Hwy, Euroa on **Sunday 13th Oct.** to learn how to control Common Myna populations in your area and celebrate the official launch of the **Stop Mynas Strathbogrie project**.

Myna traps will be available to borrow free from the Arboretum to help you get started.

Senior Darebin Parklands Ranger Peter Wiltshire will be drawing from his 33 years of experience to teach the skills needed to control Common Mynas in your area.

We'll be covering everything from traps and bait to tips and techniques to make sure you're Myna trapping efforts are effective and humane.

Lunch will be provided, and **RSVPs are essential**, so please send yours to [events@strathbogieranges.org](mailto:events@strathbogieranges.org)



## 2020 Australia Day Award Nominations

Do you know someone who has shown considerable dedication to the community and is worthy of an Australia Day Award? Or is there a local organisation or community event that stands out?

If so, then we would like you to put pen to paper and fill in an Australia Day Award nomination form. Remember, Australia Day is under 4 months away!

Nomination forms can be obtained in the following ways:

- In person: pick up from the Shire office in Euroa and the Nagambie Visitor Information Centre or Euroa Hub
- Online: via the website <https://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/tourism/about-events/australia-day-celebrations>

The award categories are:

- **Community Organisation of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year** (event occurred after 27/01/2019)
- **Junior Citizen of the Year** (under 15 yrs at 26/01/2020)
- **Young Citizen of the Year** (between 15 - 25 yrs at 26/01/2020)
- **Citizen of the Year** (over 25 yrs at 26/01/2020)

On Sunday 26 January 2020, there will be Australia Day celebrations in Avenel, Euroa, Longwood, Nagambie, Strathbogrie and Violet Town.

Nominations can be lodged by the following methods:

- Online: <https://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/tourism/about-events/australia-day-celebrations>
  - Email: [info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au)
  - Mail: PO Box 177 Euroa 3666
  - In person: deliver the completed nomination form to Strathbogrie Shire Council offices in Euroa or Nagambie.
- Nominations close 5pm Friday 1 November 2019.**

## HCCC News Update

Some recent HCCC news that may be of interest to readers -

- Whiteheads Creek Landcare have planted more trees along Lambing Gully Rd
- Cool burning trials at Gobur have commenced in consultation with Taungurung and the CFA
- Deer continue to be a pest problem and in the last month in Highlands a total of 174 deer were shot on 2 properties. It is estimated there are 1 million deer in Victoria and that 400,000 a year need to be killed to limit their numbers
- A bus tour by tree scientists has recorded die back or Canopy Collapse on mainly west-facing slopes in the local area. Further research, mapping & study are planned for Red Stringybark, Mountain Red Gum & Long-leafed Box.



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## Integrating agriculture and conservation



### Home Creek – Spring Creek Landcare Group

#### FREE Farm Field Day

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

10.30 am - Annual General Meeting

11am - Farm Field Day commences (concludes 3pm)

#### WHERE:

3391 Goulburn Valley Hwy Koriella. Meet at stockyards on the south side of the highway.

#### TOPICS FOR THE DAY:

<b>General landscape and revegetation:</b>	Cathy Olive
<b>Regenerative / biological farming &amp; pastures:</b>	Pat McVeigh
<b>Erosion control:</b>	Kerri Goschnick
<b>Weed management:</b>	Cameron Paterson

#### WHAT TO BRING:

4 x 4 or all-wheel drive vehicle if possible (car pooling is required for those in 2 WD cars)

Thermos / drinks and afternoon tea to share **lunch is provided**

Picnic chair if required at stops & afternoon tea break

**RSVP:** Essential for catering purposes. Please phone Grant on **0438 399 972**  
or email **warrawee@virtual.net.au** by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

# The Climate Crisis

*This is the speech Greta Thunberg delivered to the UN Climate Action summit  
on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019*

This is all wrong. I shouldn't be standing here. I should be back at school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to me for hope? How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I am one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction. And all you talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!

For more than thirty years the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away, and come here saying you are doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are nowhere in sight. With today's emissions levels our remaining CO<sub>2</sub> budget will be gone in less than eight and a half years. You say you 'hear' us and that you understand the urgency. But no matter how sad and angry I am, I don't want to believe that. Because if you fully understand the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil. And I refuse to believe that.

The popular idea of cutting our emissions in half in ten years only gives us a 50% chance of staying below 1.5C degrees, and the risk of setting off irreversible chain reactions beyond human control.

Maybe 50% is acceptable to you. But those numbers don't include tipping points, most feedback loops, additional warming hidden by toxic air pollution or the aspects of justice and equity. They also rely on my and my children's generation sucking hundreds of billions of tonnes of your CO<sub>2</sub> out of the air with technologies that barely exist. So a 50% risk is simply not acceptable to us – we who have to live with the consequences.

To have a 67% chance of staying below a 1.5C global temperature rise – the best odds given by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – the world had 420 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide left to emit back on 1 January 2018. Today that figure is already down to less than 350 gigatonnes. How dare you pretend that this can be solved with business-as-usual and some technical solutions. With today's emissions levels, that remaining CO<sub>2</sub> budget will be entirely gone in less than eight-and-a-half years.

There will not be any solutions or plans presented in line with these figures today. Because these numbers are too uncomfortable. And you are still not mature enough to tell us like it is. You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon us. And if you choose to fail us I say we will never forgive you.

**We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming whether you like it or not.**

Submitted by Stuart Reid - Highlands





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