



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Thank you to the three readers who responded to my comments last week re Climate Change or Climate Emergency. Their letters to the Editor are on p.4, which means that once again this excellent little read has gone to 5 pages.

If you have a penchant for observing our feathered friends, or even if you just like having the odd cheeky blue wren for company in your garden, then you will be delighted to know that next week is officially **Australian National Bird Week 21 - 27 October**. If you hop onto the link below you can assist in the biggest citizen science project in Australia. You can count as many times as you like over the week, but ensure that each count is completed over a 20-minute period.

The data collected assists BirdLife Australia in understanding more about the birds that live where people live. You can also win prizes and download the App. There's also heaps more information on the website. Until next week, **Pauline**

**And Kenny?** Was the ball for the Terip Tennis Tournament - ouch!

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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



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**"One who wants to do something will find a way. One who doesn't will find an excuse."**

**Confucius - Chinese philosopher**

**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.

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# Community Notices & Classifieds

## CALENDAR of EVENTS — October & November

Friday 25th October 5.45pm for 6pm start	<b>CLIMATE-SMART FARMING —Yea River Catchment Landcare</b> at Beaufort Manor, Yea Yea River Catchment Landcare Group is offering a 2 course dinner (\$25 pay on the night) & a discussion with 3 experts, on Climate-Smart Farming. See previous attachment. <b>Enquiries? Judy 0448 972563</b>
 Saturday 26th October @ 9am	<b>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT RFB - Pre-season Training</b> at Highlands Fire Shed A second pre-season training session for any members who missed the first one. <b>RSVPs Judy 57969247</b>
 Saturday 26th October 12 - 2pm	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b>
Sunday 27th October 10.30am - 12.30pm	<b>ORGANIC FRUIT FLY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP</b> at Blue Tongue Berries, Seymour Are you a grower using organic principles? Then this workshop and discussion is for you. See last week's TGN for further details about this excellent opportunity to manage and mitigate fruit flies.
Thursday 31st October @ 5.30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November 10am - 4pm	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands Darren's studio, with his creative works is now open on first weekend each month. An inspirational environment where both art and sculpture come to life in a beautiful scenic countryside of Highlands.
Saturday 2nd November @ 8pm	<b>RUFFARTZ CAFÉ CULTURE SERIES - Dr Hernandez</b> at Ruffy Hall See p.3 for further details - another GREAT night out!!
Tuesday 5th November @ noon	<b>TERIP'S ANNUAL MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON</b> at Terip Rec Reserve It's almost that time of year again when Terip Central comes alive for Melbourne Cup Day! A Chicken and Champagne lunch, sweeps and of course LIVE telecast of the race that stops the Nation! See flier.
 Thursday 7th November @ 7.30pm	<b>RUFFY RFB - Pre-Season Meeting</b> at Ruffy CFA Fire Shed All welcome. <b>Enquiries? 0458 904268</b>
 Friday 8th November @ 6.30pm	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> at Highlands Community Hall 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. <b>57969247 &amp; Contact Judy</b>
Wednesday 13th Nov. @ 7.45pm	<b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP—AGM &amp; Quarterly Meet</b> at Tablelands Centre ALL community members WELCOME- please come along and have your say about your Community and if you wish take on a committee role. We will be electing new committee members.
Friday 15th November 7.30pm	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE - AGM</b> at Tablelands Centre All welcome to attend the AGM first, followed by a short general meeting. <b>Enquiries? 0458 904268</b>
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> at Highlands Community Hall 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 23rd, November 6th &amp; 20th and December 4th &amp; 18th.</b>
Every Monday @ 10 am	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy 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.
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	<b>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free!</b> 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!! <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>

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## Strathbogrie Arts & Culture Strategy

**We welcome your feedback!**

Strathbogrie Shire Council has released its draft Arts and Culture Strategy which aims to increase opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness, increase arts and cultural experiences, preserve heritage and foster diverse cultural sustainability within our shire.

The need to further nurture and develop arts and culture was highlighted by our community at the beginning of Council's term, which led to the creation of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy.

Extensive consultation has taken place over a significant period of time both within our community and with the broader creative collectives to develop a strategy that is reflective of our current and future needs, that also addresses the desired Cultural, Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance outcomes.

Council encourages our community to take a look at the strategy and associated 12 month action plan and provide feedback to be considered in the final review of the strategy before it goes to Council for consideration.

You can get a copy of the draft Arts and Culture Strategy online on our website [www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au) and hard copies will be available at Council Offices as well as the libraries in Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town.

If you're interested in having your say, visit the Have Your Say button at [www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au) to view the strategy and post in the discussion forum.

You can also provide feedback via email to [info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au) or provide written feedback to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa.

**We will be receiving feedback until 5pm, Friday 15 November, 2019.**

## Café Culture Series welcomes Dr Hernandez performing in Ruffy—2nd November.



## Just what the Doctor prescribed

Melbourne-based Dr Hernandez return to Ruffy for one night only playing an exciting mix of Boogaloo and Cuban tunes. Over the last 75 years, Cumbia has grown to be one of the most widespread and unifying musical genres to emerge out of Latin America. The genre has its roots in Colombia and finds distinctive expressions across a range of countries.



'Boogalo' originated in New York City in the 1960s and is a fusion of rhythm and blues, soul, mambo, rumba and jazz, featuring lyrics in English and Spanish. Sally Ford's trademark soaring, bel canto vocal leads the five piece band which comprises Patrick Cronin on trumpet, flugelhorn and percussion, Michael Havir on keyboard, David Joseph on drums and Catherine McQuade on bass and vocals. Sally also plays alto sax and flute.

Sally Ford and Patrick Cronin are no strangers to the Café Culture series and their performances always have a guaranteed feel good vibe about their music and Dr Hernandez takes the groove to the next level.

**Dr Hernandez will be performing for one night only at the Ruffy Community Hall on Saturday 2 November at 8pm.**

This show is proudly presented by RuffArtz and supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

Tickets are on sale now from **Christine Ford 0419 561 386** or [ruffartztickets@gmail.com](mailto:ruffartztickets@gmail.com) Find your most comfortable dancing shoes and book your seat before it sells out.




### Roadside Weed Control Program

Murrindindi Shire Council's annual Roadside Weed Control program is set to kick off in late October and will run through until December 2019. Contractors will be treating many roadsides around the Shire for Chilean Needle Grass, Blackberry, Broom, St John's Wort, Gorse, Paterson's Curse and Sweet Briar.

Regional Roads Victoria will also be treating Chilean Needle Grass on some sections of highway around the Shire during this period.

For more information, phone Council on 5772 0333 or see [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/weedcontrol](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/weedcontrol)



# Climate Conversations....

In response to last week's editorial I have received the following contributions to the climate conversation. Many thanks to John, Clare and Carole for their thoughtful points of view. Ed.

Hi Pauline,

You asked us to comment on climate change.

A general trend towards lower rainfall and warmer weather might actually benefit agriculture in our district where it is usually too cold and wet to grow many crops. Admittedly we have a problem with soil acidity and fertility generally, but this can be fixed, while a season's weather cannot.

Grazing is under increasing pressure from some environmentalists and this is a lot of what we do, particularly raising beef cattle. This is far from the traditional dairy farming of a century ago (when the Euroa Butter Factory paid a pound a pound for milk fat). Fine wool is also in resurgence a traditional product of the district and this is unlikely to suffer much from a warmer and drier climate, indeed stock losses from cold and wet weather may fall.

Above all we must do what good farmers always do, which is to think ahead and be prepared to change.

Regards

**John Wise**

Hi Pauline,

This might be of interest to some TGN readers. It is a 90 minute online course based on Paul Hawken's Project Drawdown - The top 100 solutions to reverse global warming.

Do you want to do something about global warming but feel hopeless about influencing change?

This 90 minute online course presents Paul Hawken's Project Drawdown - 100 solutions to reverse global warming.

It not only looks at large scale solutions, but also what we, as individuals and local groups, can do.

If you are looking for solutions rather than hearing more about the problem, then you would enjoy the time spent on this course.

<https://landing.pachamama.org/climate-change-solutions-course>

Regards,

**Clare Daly**

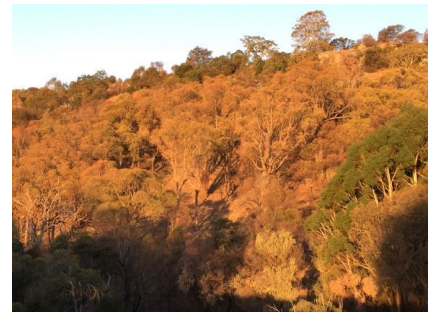
Pauline hello,

Further to your wording pertaining to "Climate Change" which to me is absolute - climate emergency/crises is more appropriate... As for the current protesters - Parliamentarians deserve our wrath for 30 years of inaction, not climate protesters.

Thanks once again for very informative editions of the TGN.

Cheers

**Carole J**





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