



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With the Ruffy Community Christmas Party over and the Highlands/Caveat one fast approaching we are well and truly on the downhill run to, not only the Festive season, but also the summer break for TGN. Next week will be the last Granite News for 2019, so if there are any articles or dates needing inclusion in the final TGN please ensure they arrive by **Thurs. 12th December.** Until next week,
Pauline

And Kenny? Was sitting in the U of Ruffy Produce Store.



Happy attendees at the recent HCCC AGM in Ruffy

WARNING !! WARNING !! WARNING !!

There have been a few thefts within the Terip and Ruffy areas in the past couple of weeks with mainly small farm equipment and fuel being taken, although one house was broken into and ransacked.

It appears to be escalating as last Monday it was discovered that the perpetrators have broken into a locked container on a farm in Ruffy and taken equipment and a motorbike.

No matter where you live within the HCCC readership area keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and **ring 000** to report anything unusual, no matter how inconsequential. Such behaviour is totally unacceptable & must be stopped.

Get the lowdown on flowering native grasses & soil health

There's no better time than now to identify the flowering native grasses in your paddocks and find out how they can improve soil health and productivity says Goulburn Broken CMA's Land Health Co-ordinator Rhiannon Apted.

"They are drought tolerant and cope well with variable climate, responding quickly with fresh green growth after summer rain," Ms Apted said.

She said native grasses were most likely to still be present in areas that were lightly or rotationally stocked, areas that were not sown down & didn't have a high fertiliser history.

"Native grasses play an important role in providing soil protection from erosion as they are perennial and many are active in summer, which means they will remain when annual grasses have died off."

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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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"Cleaning is just the art of putting stuff in less obvious places." Anon

Happy 21st Laura!

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. We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in ***The Granite News***

FOR SALE Beautiful Plants

Assorted succulents & cactus for sale at Terip Terip. Most are in flower now, great everlasting Christmas present. **Open most weekends or by appointment call Kerri on 5790 4191.** Prices vary depending on item size.






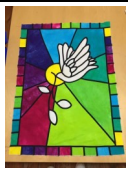


Website of the Week

www.whychristmas.com/cultures/

Ever wondered how Christmas is celebrated in other countries? Well, wonder no more.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — December & January

Monday 9th December  @ 11am	<i>The HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</i> will celebrate the Christmas Season with a party. Same place – 450 Caveat-Dropmore Road. Please bring some yummy food to share. Tea and coffee provided. Enquiries? Jan 5790 4361
Friday 13th December  @ 6.30pm	<i>HIGHLANDS/CAVEAT COMMUNITY End of Year BREAK-UP</i> at Highlands Hall All local community groups are invited to join in this evening's food, fun & friendship. For further details see last week's attachment.
Wednesday 18th December @ 11.30am 	<i>TERIP's MORNING TEA revs up for Christmas</i> at Terip Community Centre Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and some Christmas cheer. There is no cost but it would be appreciated if everyone could bring a small plate of sweets to share. To help with catering, please RSVP by calling Jan 5790 4282 or Jenny 5790 4095.
	** Best Wishes for a peaceful, happy & relaxing Festive Season celebrating the joys & milestones of 2019 with family & friends. Peace on Earth & goodwill to all in 2020**
Saturday 28th December	<i>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</i> Please note there will be NO Black Market in December, it will return in February 2020, Stay tuned...
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th January 10 - 4	<i>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</i> 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 11th January 	<i>TERIP TERIP's TERRIFIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT</i> at Terip Tennis Courts The annual tennis tournament is happening again in 2020. See p.4 for more details.
Sunday 19th January	<i>THE GRANITE NEWS returns—1st issue for 2020!!</i> Any articles/ads required by Jan. 16th.
Friday 31st January 	<i>CLOSING DATE for....</i> Feedback to Murrindindi Shire Council on the Draft Local Law document and EOI to Strathbogie Shire Council to become a member of the Environmental Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<i>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</i> at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? Term 4 dates for 2019 - December 18th. The service will recommence in 2020 on January 8th!
Every Monday @ 10 am	<i>YOGA AT RUFFY</i> 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 kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	<i>SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free!</i> 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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*Season's Greetings
to readers of the Granite News!*

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WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Environmental Sustainable Development Advisory Committee (ESDAC)

ESDAC is an Advisory Committee of Strathbogie Shire Council advising on matters affecting the long-term stability of the community of Strathbogie Shire as they relate to climate change, environmental sustainability, the natural environment, and sustainable development.

Strathbogie Shire Council would like to invite applications to fill two vacancies that have arisen on ESDAC due to current member terms coming to an end.

You are invited to make application to become an Advisory Group member if you:

- Are a resident of Strathbogie Shire
- Have experience in environment and sustainability issues and the integration of this into decision-making process, projects and policy;
- Are able to attend meetings every second month, and potentially volunteer for sub-committees;
- Bring new thinking, a 'can-do' attitude, and plenty of enthusiasm to the table;
- Are keen to contribute to the strong and resilient future of your local area in Strathbogie Shire.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a one page Expression of Interest including a current Resume, contact details, and a Statement to ESDAC on how you fit the ESDAC criteria above, and why you feel you are the ideal Committee member to complete our team.

Applications & enquiries can be made to Carole Hammond, Coordinator Climate Change and Environment, or Jeff Saker, Group Manager at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or 1800 065 993

Applications close on Friday 31 January 2020.

FREE things for kids over the Summer Holidays

For those readers who live in Strathbogie Shire, or nearby, & either have children or grand-children looking forward to the summer holidays you are in for a treat, or several treats! Holiday programs have been organised that include pool parties and movie screenings and all of them are FREE thanks to the Victorian Government's FReeZA program.



The fun kicks off with pool parties at the 4 Council pools, on various days next week, for further details ring 1800 065993. Then on Tuesdays in January the Euroa Community Cinema will be holding matinees at 2pm for kids and more films at 8pm for BIG kids (adults) and once again both are FREE!! Tickets, more information and full terms and conditions are available at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tourism/euroa-community-cinema



Murrindindi
Shire Council

CALL FOR FEEDBACK ON DRAFT LOCAL LAW

We are seeking your feedback on our new draft Community Local Law 2019. The draft Local Law sets out how we maintain peace, order and safety in our Shire, including enforcement actions and penalties.

You can view the draft Local Law at any Council office or download a copy from our website.

If you'd like to learn more about the draft Local Law and how it might affect you, why not come along to one of our community consultation sessions which are running in December 2019 and January 2020? You can get the details for these sessions from our website or by giving us a call.

If you'd like to provide feedback about the new draft Local Law, you can make submissions by **emailing us at customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or writing to us at PO Box 138 Alexandra, 3714 before 31 January 2020.**

Get the lowdown on flowering native grasses and soil health - continued from p.1

"Some native species are not as palatable to livestock as introduced pasture species, so they are less likely to be grazed out if managed sensitively and will therefore provide soil protection. Others, such as Microlaena or weeping grass, can provide good green pick when other perennials are dormant.

As well as soil health benefits, native grasses are a significant vegetation community, support pollinators and play an important role in the conservation of native plants and animals."

Ms Apted said there were some quite straight-forward ways to manage native grasses without compromising productivity.

"For example, applying fertiliser to the most productive parts of your farm and avoiding areas with native grass areas is a strategic and cost-effective use of fertiliser. If you're lucky enough to have native grasses on your property they can play a role in farm production but once removed they are practically impossible to restore."

Anyone interested in learning more about native grasses and how to identify and manage them can register their interest with the Goulburn Broken CMA at reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au or phone Rhiannon Apted on 5797 4400.

More information can be found at: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/nativevegetation/a-guide-to-native-pasture-management>

Fire awareness for all



Grassfires can move at speeds of up to 25km/h and jump highways. Be aware of grassfires when you're travelling. All fires are dangerous.





Annual
Terip Terip
Social Tennis Tournament

Saturday January 11th, 2020

9.30 for a 10.00am start

Section 1 & 2 – Ladies and Mens
Doubles Mixed Competition – Alternating partners
& Juniors (if sufficient numbers)

\$10 entry

Includes approximately 4 sets, light morning tea and
Terip's renowned afternoon tea

Light lunch available from \$5
BBQ tea - \$10
Soft drinks and icy poles available

Enquiries:
Cindy Hayes 0429 772 011 - Sue Martin 5790 4277
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**Entries - phone or email by Monday 6th January would be appreciated.
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