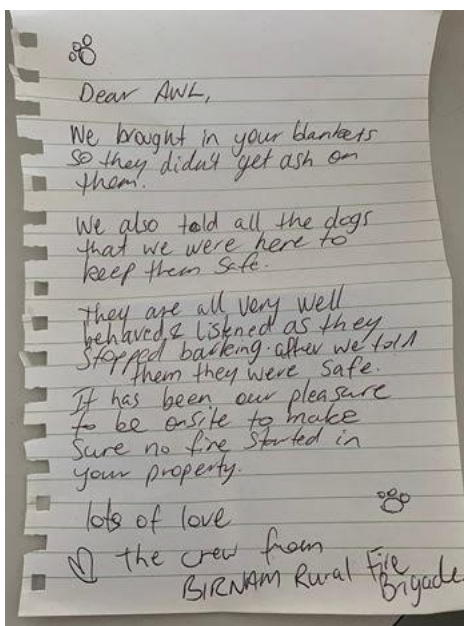




Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With only 10 more sleeps to go.... and only 5 more weeks until the first TGN issue of 2020, it's probably timely to wish all TGN readers a happy and healthy new year with many best wishes for the upcoming festive season. With record temperatures happening in WA this early into the summer and fires raging across 3 states, not to mention East Gippsland's current predicament it could definitely be a long, hot and dry summer with the prospect of bushfire at any time. However, sometimes even the worst situations have a brighter or lighter side and I'd like to finish this year with the following little letter that a crew of fireys from the Birnam Rural Fire Brigade in Qld left behind at the Animal Welfare League's rehoming complex in Stapylton. At 2pm on Thursday 5th Dec. a fire broke out nearby and although it was brought under control later on that day the crew stayed on until 1am Friday to ensure that the fire didn't spread to AWL's property. They even left this note behind on departure, I hope you like it, I do. Until Sunday 19th January, best wishes **Pauline**

And Kenny? Was located way into next year's Calendar of Events on 31/1/20.



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au
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“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.”
the Dalai Lama

Bumper issue !!

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.target155.vic.gov.au

Target 155 is a water efficiency program that encourages us to limit our water consumption to 155 litres per person, per day.

Important Message from Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

It's summer and it's time to think about Blackberries.

Please help us to get rid of this noxious weed !

HCCC is again subsidising the costs for chemical for Blackberry spraying. Each landowner will be subsidised 50% for the cost of the weedicide, and wetting agent.

Please contact Neil van Buuren with your requirements ASAP, once we have final quantities HCCC will negotiate a price for the chemicals from a local supplier.

This subsidy is for all properties in the Hughes Creek Catchment which covers Whiteheads Creek, Highlands, Caveat, Terip, Ruffy and Tarcombe

HCCC also have a range of sprayers and can be hired for a small donation to Landcare. (This helps pay for the maintenance of the units)




Contact Neil van Buuren for information **0417 503 472** or **03 5796 9111**

Email hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au

Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*) is a Weed of National Significance. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia due to its invasiveness, potential for spread, & economic and environmental impacts. **Blackberry is a designated noxious weed and landowners are required to control it.**

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — December & January

Wednesday 18th December @ 11.30am 	TERIP's MORNING TEA revs up for Christmas 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	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET 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	DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 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 	TERIP TERIP's TERRIFIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT at Terip Tennis Courts The annual tennis tournament is happening again in 2020. See p.5 for more details.
Wednesday 15th January 10 -11.30am	SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ the Y Water Discovery Centre 2 Hood St, Yea Bring along any primary school age children or grand-children to the YWDC for some excellent holiday fun. With a focus on the environment there's heaps of good fun to be had with either science or art activities. At \$4 per child it's a bargain, however bookings are essential. Ring to register 5797 2663
Sunday 19th January	THE GRANITE NEWS returns—1st issue for 2020!! Any articles/ads required by Jan. 16th.
Wednesday 22nd January 10 -11.30am	SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ the Y Water Discovery Centre 2 Hood St, Yea Bring along any primary school age children or grand-children to the YWDC for some excellent holiday fun. With a focus on the environment there's heaps of good fun to be had with either science or art activities. At \$4 per child it's a bargain, however bookings are essential. Ring to register 5797 2663
Friday 31st January	CLOSING DATE for.... Strathbogie Shire Council to become a member of the Environmental Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.
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 4 dates for 2019 - December 18th. The service will recommence in 2020 on January 8th!
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY 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	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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PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Over the last week there have been 3 celebrations in our local communities with Ruffy starting the ball rolling on Saturday 7th December....

More than 130 people enjoyed the Ruffy Community Christmas Party last Saturday. Santa and his best elf made a special appearance, much to the delight of everyone! The large crowd were treated to superb spit-roasted lamb, BBQ meats, salads & desserts, generously supplied by local families and community groups. The jumping castle and playground equipment were extremely popular with the kids & the entire community again celebrated the traditional switching on of the Christmas tree lights!



Then last Friday night it was Highlands' turn to party



Highlands opted for a D.I.Y. approach with a plethora of salads and desserts brought along to compliment the free BBQ goodies on offer. About 100 Highlanders and others, from further afield, turned up to celebrate with their local community and a great time was had by all. It was particularly pleasing to see how many “weekenders” were able to escape Melbourne’s Friday night traffic snarls to come and relax with their neighbours and enjoy the balmy, bush night. An excellent and very pleasant start to the festive season. **And finally...**

A quick clean up of the Highlands Hall after the End of Year Get Together and the place was transformed into a lunch venue for a 21st birthday celebration. (NB: Last year the hall hosted Norm



Drew’s 70th birthday party & this year is the next gen’s turn, it’s a very versatile venue. Bookings? contact Judy 57969247)

Miss Laura Bennett, formerly of Antcliff’s Chase, Caveat but currently working at the Tring School for Performing Arts in Hertfordshire, just north of London, flew home, not only for Christmas, but also to celebrate her 21st birthday with family and friends yesterday. The venue was a surprise for Laura, an original member of the Mad Hatters’ Theatre Group, who entertained the local community over several years with unique and original plays in the Highlands’ Hall. A wonderful selection of photos and other memorabilia were on display and the special cake was made by her siblings—John & Jessica.

All good things must come to an end

It was the end of a delightful era last Monday as Kylie Penny was farewelled by her regular yogis at a post-class morning tea. After three years of weekly classes at the TCC in Ruffy, Kylie will be continuing her practice in Euroa and Strathbogie and we sincerely wish her every success.



As one door closes another one opens...

QIGONG IN THE TABLELANDS!

We are pleased to announce that Qigong is coming to the Tablelands. Respected practitioner, Vivien Watmough, will run weekly Qigong classes at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy in 2020.

Qigong (pronounced *chee-goong*) is an ancient and coordinated system of movements, body posture, breathing and meditation. The gentle movements taught in the classes are accessible to everyone and belie the beneficial impact on students' health and wellbeing. Come along and experience this enjoyable and restorative practice. More information in the New Year... but for now

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 3rd February @ 10am

Weekly Qigong classes will commence at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy. Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient wellbeing practice. For bookings and enquires please call **Vivien on 5795-3349** or email vivienwatmough@gmail.com

FOR SALE - by Tender

2008 Toyota Landcruiser 4 wheel drive Slip-on

Terip Terip Fire Brigade is offering its Toyota Landcruiser slip on for sale by tender closing **January 31 2020 at 5pm.**

This vehicle cannot be purchased by another brigade as part of the VESEP funding for its replacement.

It has been serviced by the CFA district mechanical service since purchase and is in excellent condition with approximately 22,000 kilometres, new batteries fitted May 2019.

Description

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Tenders & enquiries can be addressed to:-

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Saturday January 11th, 2020

9.30 for a 10.00am start

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Doubles Mixed Competition – Alternating partners
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\$10 entry

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Enquiries:

Cindy Hayes 0429 772 011 - Sue Martin 5790 4277
Frances Lawrence 0427 904 262 - Sally Kubeil 0407 904 335
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**Entries - phone or email by Monday 6th January would
be appreciated.**
(Please indicate no. of people attending BBQ tea)



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, & sustainable development.

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

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

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



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 28 February 2020. NB: new closing date!!**



Murrindindi Shire Council will provide limited services over the Christmas and New Year period. **Our offices and libraries will be closed from 3pm on Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will reopen at 9am on Thursday 2 January 2020.** For more information about services over this period, including changes to kerbside waste collection, go to www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call 5772 0333.

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