



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

2020 has arrived and with it the 14th volume of The Granite News! **WOW!** Little did Miranda know when she took on the job of inaugural editor in 2007 that this publication would become such an important feature of life on the Tablelands and beyond. From an initial readership of a little over 200 this weekly epistle now reaches over 650 people and covers a much greater geographical area than just the HCCC Catchment. Of course this wouldn't happen without YOU, the readers, sending in entertaining, varied and informative content. Not to mention the advertisers on the back page who financially support this great little publication. Thanks to all of you so much for this. As we've all had a bit of a break, here are a few reminders to ensure that TGN is better than ever in 2020, that Sunday nights are relatively stress free for the Editor & sanity levels maintained.

1. **Thursday night is the deadline for inclusion in the next issue of TGN.**
2. **Photos & attachments need to be pre-shrunk to KB size from MB size.**
3. **Local contributions are most welcome - who doesn't like reading Scott's entertaining roving reports on those cricket matches?**
4. **Ads on the front page run for 3 weeks unless sold, or otherwise, prior to that. Informing the editor if this happens would be appreciated.**
5. **Priority will be given to local news (within the TGN Tablelands' area or involving Tablelanders), Landcare/environmental issues and interesting, informative and/or entertaining articles, as well as the odd announcement from our 3 local councils that may well be of interest to, or impact upon, our local communities.**
6. **As I am now trying to include as much as possible in the actual TGN, in order to avoid extra attachments, please send in copy in a form that can be "tweaked" to ensure this, preferably not .pdfs. Many thanks, Pauline And Kenny? Was introducing himself to the new TGN resident Rakali.**

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 chemicals 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 for 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 **NB: Note NEW email address!**

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.**



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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**"You are only young once, but you can be immature for a lifetime." - John P Grier
American Journalist (1914 - 2002)**

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**

Do you have a marvellous mutt, a fantastic fido or a delightful dog?

In 2020 I would like to run a monthly feature highlighting everyone's Best Friend - dogs!



If you have a dog that you think is worthy of 100-150 words, along with a photo, please send both to editor@tgn.org.au for possible inclusion. It doesn't matter what breed, how big or small, working dog or lap cuddler they all have their own stories, so why not share them around. Ed.

Website of the Week

Australian actor and ex-pat Ben Lawson recently wrote this poem expressing love and pride for his country, our country - Australia
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=76255110917045>

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — January & February

Thursday 30th January @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat. at Caveat Church
Friday 31st January	CLOSING DATE for.... Strathbogie Shire Council to become a member of the Environmental Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd February 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO 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. 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
Sunday 2nd February 7.30 -9am	BREAKFAST with the BIRDS & celebrate World Wetlands Day YWDC, 2 Hood St, Yea Celebrate World Wetlands Day by enjoying an early morning discovery of feathered friends followed by a hearty breakfast. Reservations are essential for catering purposes. See p.3 for more details.
Friday 7th February @ 6pm	WETLANDS the Story behind the Trillion \$ Price Tag @ Y Water Discovery Centre, Yea This is the third evening in the YWDC's Speaker Series and keynote speaker Pam Beattie will be talking about the importance of wetlands and why, in 1997, the United Nations' Millennium Ecosystem Assessment valued the importance of Wetlands worldwide as worth US\$15 trillion. Enquiries? 57972663
Monday 10th February @ 11am 	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2020 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am & with the same good company! BYO lunch & great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Friday 13th February @ 6.30pm 	DRINKS ON THE DECK 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. at Highlands Community Hall 57969247 & Contact Judy
Saturday 22nd February @ 8pm 	RUFFARTZ is back in 2020 with THE ROYAL HI JINX Melbourne's mesmerising contemporary world music band, The Royal Hi Jinx, have burst onto Australian Festival Stages with their originality, virtuosity and theatricality - so it would be a shame to miss them when they come to Ruffy. Season tickets are now available from the ticket secretary Kelly Molloy on 0407 017090 or at ruffartztickets@gmail.com For further details see next week's TGN. at Ruffy Public Hall
	Please note: There will be NO Black Market in February but an exciting activity is planned for March.....stay tuned.
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? Term 1 dates for 2020 - Jan. 29th, Feb. 12th & 26th, March 11th & 25th and April 8th. at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	QIGONG AT RUFFY Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien on 57953349 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

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

Mystery appearances on Ghin Ghin cutting

For the last 2 Christmases this particular rock has been mysteriously festooned with festive trimmings, but in the last couple of weeks this salute to our CFA fires has appeared. Thanks so much to the anonymous creator.



Pioneer Grave Restorations

Gobur Cemetery

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DRINKS

Casserole Dinner

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Saturday, 14 March 2020

Ruffy Hall 6 pm

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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

Toyota Land-
Work-
single

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Aluminum tray with sides

Dual battery system

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Vehicle can be inspected, contact Geoff.

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wheels with BFG

tyres

Aluminum Bullbar

Tow bar

22,000 Kilometres

Slip-on unit

Advance Notice—Date for your Diary

On **Friday 20th March** Highlands Hall will be the venue for the acclaimed film **2040**. Created by Melbourne filmmaker Damon Gameau it gently sets forth the climate possibilities & options between now and then. **Sponsored by DELWP.**

Fire awareness for all



Older homes make up the majority of buildings in bushfire-prone areas. There are some simple things that can improve the performance of an older house in a bushfire. Over the next few weeks TGN will be highlighting 12 options - 6 that can be done as simple projects and 6 low-cost things you could do in an afternoon.



* Reprinted from The Conversation, by Douglas Brown from Western Sydney Uni.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS

World Wetlands Day
Sunday 2 February 2020

Y Water Discovery Centre



Guided walk with the Murrindindi
Birdwatchers 7:30 – 9:00am (bring binoculars)

Light Breakfast from 9.00am

Cost = \$5pp, kids free

RSVP is essential to wetlands.yea@gmail.com
or at the Y Water Discovery Centre desk
2 Hood Street, Yea



New Times for Maternal Child Health Open Sessions

From January 2020 the regular open sessions will be primarily for short consults (15mins) to undertake general weighing, feeding and growth reviews. For all other visits a booked appointment should be made to ensure adequate time is allocated for the consult. The new times are as follows:



Euroa M&CH Centre

2 Bury Street, Euroa 3666

Mondays

Appointments Available: am/pm Open Session: 9.30am – 11.00am

Nagambie M&CH Centre

Nagambie Preschool, 16 Vale Street, Nagambie 3608

Tuesdays

Appointments Available : am/pm Open Session: 9.30am – 11.00am

Avenel M&CH Centre

Avenel Preschool, 31 Watson Street, Avenel

Wednesdays

Appointments Available: am/pm Open session: 9.30 – 11.00am

Violet Town M&CH Centre

Violet Town Preschool, Hyacinth Street, Violet Town

Thursdays

Appointments Available: am/pm Open Session: 9.30am – 11.00am

For any queries please contact Deb Ellis Manager Community Wellbeing via 5795 0000

Terip Tennis Tournament 2020

Cool and windy conditions greeted 31 players at Terip on January 11. Players from Broadford, Nagambie, Benalla, Euroa & Mansfield joined the Terip locals, all playing 5 sets each for the day.

The wind may have hampered the odd shot or two, but all in all the tennis was excellent, played in friendly and fun spirits.

The committee would like to thank each and everyone who attended on the day with special thanks to those that helped with catering and general duties on & before the day.

THANK-YOU all for your support.



Men

Section 1 Winner - Matthew Lawrence (Terip)

Section 2 R/up - David Penny (Broadford)

Section 2 Winner - Edward Tilton (Terip)

Section 2 R/Up - Alex Hovarth (Broadford)

Women

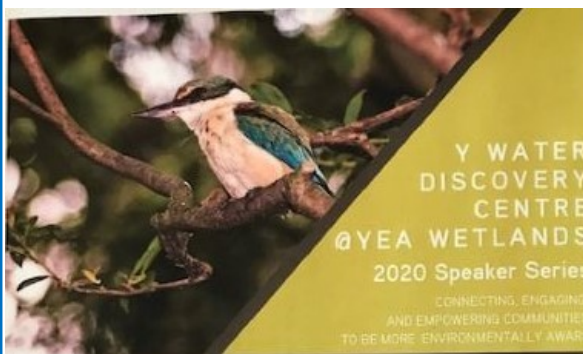
Section 1 Winner - Kirsten Audehm (Broadford)

Section 1 R/Up - Karyn Fraser (Mansfield)

Section 2 Winner - Cheryle (Broadford)

Section 2 R/up - Anne (Broadford)

Winners are definitely grinners!!



Session #3 Wetlands – the story behind the trillion-dollar price tag

Friday 7 February 2020, 6pm – 8pm
Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood Street, Yea

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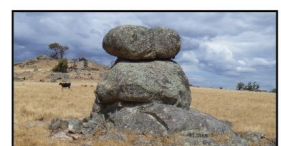
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