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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Fungi weather appears to have given way to freezing cold this issue. An indication that we are definitely in winter and it's time for rugging up and staying warm for the next month or two. Back page advertising is still available, \$125 for the next 6 months, email me at editor@tgn.org.au if you are interested. Until next issue stay warm and safe, **Pauline**

And Kenny? Was continuing to publicise the ad space available on the back page. Interested anyone?

HCCC News

Last Call.....

For any landholders interested in spraying for **Paterson's Curse**, as the chemicals appear to be in short supply at present, final numbers are required by **THIS Friday 3rd July**.



Contact Neil - HCCC Facilitator - 0417 503472 or 5796 9111 NOW
hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com

Where will your family be sleeping this school holidays?



From the caravan to the chalet, the bush shack to the beach house....



Make sure there is a working smoke alarm wherever you sleep.

For more information on residential fire safety visit:
<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>



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www.highlands.org.au

"It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best."

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Journalist, novelist, sportsman &
Nobel Laureate

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**

Let's laugh

So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"

Coronavirus 24hr Hotline





1800 020 080

Website of the Week

Climate Dogs is a website that explains, with simple animations, the various factors influencing Australia's climate patterns. Very informative and good fun too.
<http://www.climatekelpie.com.au/index.php/climatedogs/>

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — or something to look forward to...

1st weekend of the month (not winter) 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
2nd Monday each month @ 11am 	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch & coffee will be provided. contact Jan 5790 4361
2nd Wednesday each month @ 9.30am 	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA This enjoyable social event is open to anyone who wants to enjoy a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce. Highlands Community Centre
2nd Friday each month @ 6.30pm 	DRINKS ON THE TABLE Starts at 6.30pm. A great way to catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially those who are new to the area. Highlands Community Hall
3rd Thursday or Friday each month	HUGHES CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE MEETING The next meeting will be in 2020 commencing at 7pm. All welcome. at ?????? Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268
Last Thursday each month @ 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
4th Saturday each month 10-12 or 12-2 	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
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?? Please note the Mobile Library Service is temporarily suspended until further notice!! 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 0428 969366 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASS Swing dances featuring 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

All these monthly events will be returning to a place near YOU, hopefully soon, but not until it is safe. Stay tuned



Postponed until further notice

Sustainable Living ideas from Environment Victoria

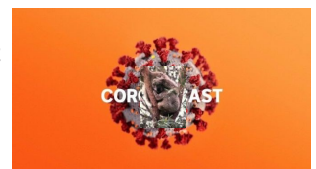
- Choosing Clean Green Energy** - switch to a cleaner energy company and choose 100% green power it is the single easiest way to cut climate pollution in Victoria.
- Install insulation** - the biggest single energy cost for Victorian households is heating, don't let your heat leak out.
- Drive less** - possibly a bit tricky in the HCCC area, but walking and cycling are great for health.
- Take shorter showers** - showers take a lot of water and energy to heat the water, maybe get a timer.



Coronacast - all yours for free!

In these times of instant social media and 'fake news' Coronacast is an accurate podcast that helps to answer your questions about coronavirus or COVID19. The latest news and research is broken down to help you understand how the world is living through an epidemic.

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Angus the Tree-planting Dog - the rest of the story

I got Angus from the RSPCA as a 2 year old in 2018, he has both generalised anxiety and separation anxiety. It was quite clear he had never been inside before but he settled in very quickly sitting by the fire and sleeping on the end of the bed.

He's scared of large cattle so spends most of his time supervising from by our sides.

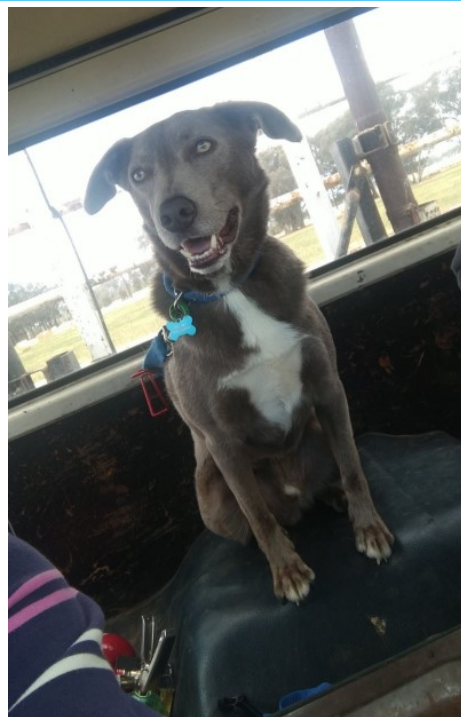


He has a very handy ability of finding calves hiding in the paddock and is more than happy to share his dog box when one needs transporting, he will often cuddle up to them to keep them warm before we can get the calf back to its cow.

He comes with me almost everywhere and loves to ride shotgun in the truck. He's overcome a lot of his fears and is now an exceptionally spoiled boy who is incredibly loyal.

Shannon Roach

When Angus appeared in TGN helping out with the tree-planting he just looked like he had a story to tell, and he did. Thanks Shannon for sharing it. Ed.



SAVE the DATE (to be confirmed)

Terip Tennis Club AGM
Monday August 3, 2020
@ 7.30pm
@ the Terip Rec Reserve



YEE HA! Just what we've been waiting for...
But with the latest regulations we'll have to wait a little longer—stay tuned

Subject to the Covid-19 restrictions in place on the proposed date, the **Highlands Hall** Committee has decided to resume "Drinks-on-the-Deck"

Postponed



LOST - have you seen these cattle?

2 Black Angus steers are missing from **2848 Highlands Rd Highlands** near Highlands Hall. They have green tags labelled "Habbies Howe".

If you've seen them or have any information, please contact

Ernesto: 0404 557 354



REGISTER NOW

TENDER WORKSHOP

Murrindindi Shire Council, together with Tender Right, is holding an online workshop on Monday 6 July to assist businesses interested in tendering for Council services and projects. You can choose between two sessions; 12 noon - 1.00 pm or 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

The workshop will outline the tender process, help businesses understand tender documents and use the e-tendering portal, as well as explain the evaluation criteria so you can get an idea of what we are looking for. The workshop will also discuss OH&S, Quality Management System requirements and how you can write a persuasive tender that gets you shortlisted.

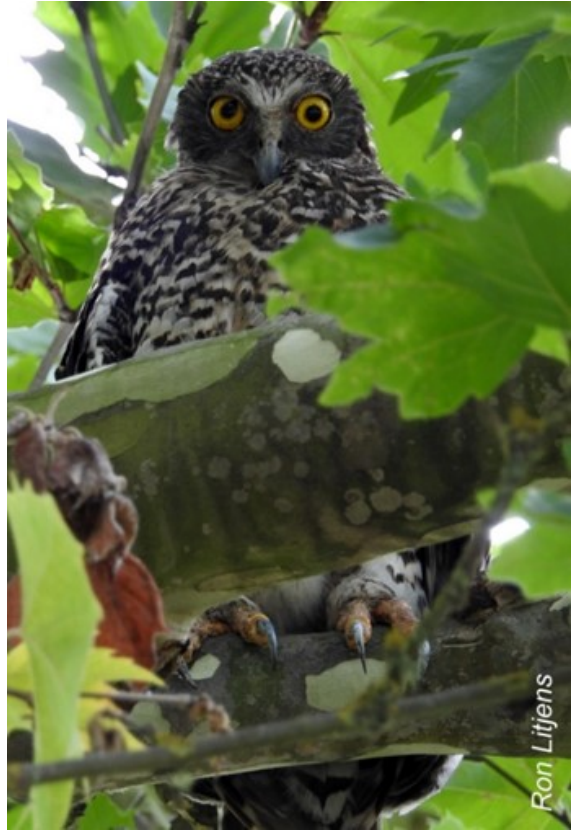
To register your interest, please go to murrindindi.vic.gov.au/tenderworkshop or give Council a call on **5772 0333**.



Powerful Owl – *Ninox Strenua*

The largest of Australia's owls, the Powerful Owl usually inhabits the moist forests of eastern Australia. Its main item of prey is possums of various species, though large bats such as flying foxes are also often caught. They roost by day, perched in the dense shade of a tree, often with the previous night's prey held in its talons; this is when Powerful Owls are seen most often. With expanding populations of possums occurring in built-up areas, Powerful Owls are increasingly being recorded in the suburbs.

The Powerful Owl is a large owl with a relatively small head and a rounded tail. It is dark grey to dark grey-brown above, with white barring, and off-white below, with distinctive dark v-shaped chevrons. The eyes are yellow, set in a dark grey/brown facial mask. The legs are feathered and the yellow to orange feet are massive, with sharp talons. The sexes are alike but the female is smaller, with a narrower head. Juvenile birds are downy white on the head and underparts, the underparts are sparsely streaked, and they have much shorter tails than the adults. Powerful Owls are the largest of the Australian nocturnal birds.



The Powerful Owl is endemic to eastern and south-eastern Australia, mainly on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range, from south-eastern Queensland to Victoria. Although secure in other states it is regarded as endangered in Victoria.

This majestic bird is found in open forests and woodlands, as well as along sheltered gullies in wet forests with dense understoreys, especially along watercourses. It will sometimes be found in open areas near forests such as farmland, parks and suburban areas, as well as in remnant bushland patches and it needs old growth trees to nest.

The Powerful Owl is a carnivore, eating mainly medium to large tree-dwelling mammals, particularly the Common Ringtail Possum and the Great Glider. It will also take roosting birds and sometimes small ground-dwelling mammals such as rabbits or small marsupials. It forages mainly in trees, swooping down on prey and grabbing its prey with their feet.

The Powerful Owl mates for life (over 30 years in some cases) and pairs defend an all-purpose territory year-round. The male prepares the nest, which is usually a vertical hollow in a large old tree, and provides the female and young with a constant supply of food during the early part of the nesting period. The female incubates the eggs and broods the young, emerging later in the nesting period to hunt for food as well. Young birds remain with the parents for several months after fledging and may stay within their parents' territory for over a year.

With thanks to Birdlife Australia for the text and Ron Litjens for the photo.



GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM Applications now open

Have you got a project, event or activity that will contribute to community wellbeing, increased visitation and economic development for Murrindindi Shire? Applications are now open for Council's 'Grants and Contributions Program'.

The Program helps communities and businesses access funds to support projects and events that align with goals we set in the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan.

Grant applications are open from 1 July 2020 to 30 November 2020, with a second round opening from 1 February 2021 to 30 June 2021.

Follow the Climate Dogs

Climate, as opposed to weather, can sometimes be a bit technical with oscillations, low pressure systems and a dipole all affecting Australia's climate in different ways.

The **Climate Dogs** are an animated representation of some of the **climate** processes that drive rainfall variability across **Australia**. Different Climate Dogs affect different parts of the country.

There are four major Climate Dogs -

Enso influences Australia's climate & seasonal variability

Indy influences SE and central Australia's rainfall

Ridgy is a major driver of southern Australia's weather

Sam herds cold fronts up from the Southern Ocean

and two smaller Climate Dogs - **Eastie** and **Mojo** - who affect weather on a smaller scale.

Like to find out more? Check out the link on the Website of the Week on p.1, the animations are informative and great fun.



CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS

MULTIPLE POSITIONS - BAND 4

Murrindindi Shire Council is seeking talented and motivated individuals to join our customer and library service team (including Council's Customer Contact Centre). We are looking to fill several positions, including a permanent position and possible casual positions.

As the first point of contact with Council's customers, you will be keen to find solutions and handle enquiries from beginning to end. We are looking for people with experience delivering exceptional customer service in any service environment.

You will be an active listener, have a positive 'can-do' attitude and be able to provide prompt and friendly customer service for the full range of Council and Library Services. You will also have excellent teamwork skills, good administration and cash handling skills, plenty of experience with computers and be adept at using various software packages (including the full MS Office suite).

If you think you know the difference between serving customers and delighting customers with your service, please apply to join our amazing team.

Further information about these roles can be obtained at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs or by calling Council's Coordinator Customer Service Trish Lucas on 5772 0333.

Applications should be addressed to Manager Customer Experience, Jacqui Rabel. You can submit your application and any accompanying attachments

* online – you will receive an email notification confirming your submission

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Applications close: 12 noon, Monday 13 July 2020

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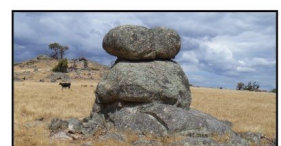
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