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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

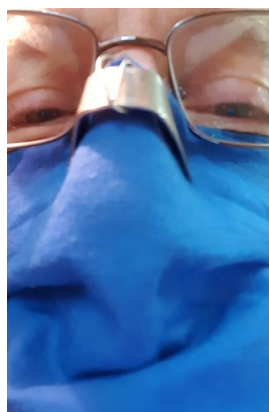
I love feedback! So my thanks to both Vanda and Bruce for getting back to me with their solutions to the glasses-mask-fogging up problem. Hopefully these suggestions may help other readers as well.

My glasses were also fogging up at work, very annoying, simple solution I purchased a pack of anti fog wipes from the Euroa Chemist \$4.99 for a pack of 20, problem solved. Tip, if you put the wipe back in its satchel it will last for a few wipes.

Kind Regards Vanda from Ruffy.

Pauline, Re: glasses fogging up.

I made a little metal clip, nose shaped (pictured), that I pin to the edge of the home-made mask. Stops almost all the glasses' fog. Mr Sheen on the glasses helps a bit too. Bruce



I would imagine that Vanda's anti fog wipes can be purchased at chemists elsewhere & I've now also heard that dishwashing liquid on glasses works too, but wipe it off before wearing.

Until next issue continue to stay warm and safe,  
**Pauline**

**And Kenny?** Was sussing out the 10 stand calf bail feeder.

## HCCC News

## Farmers' Favourite Tree Challenge

Is there a big tree on your property that's special to you? Send a photo of it to the Australian National University's Sustainable Farms team and it may feature in the 2021 Sustainable Farms calendar!

To enter, simply select a fabulous tree in your property and submit a photo, your location and a few lines about why the tree is special to you. Submissions will be judged on their story and the biodiversity values of the tree. The photo quality is not as important as the tree and its story – a Sustainable Farms team member can come and take a photo that captures the beauty of your tree. **More info**



at: [www.sustainablefarms.org.au/news/farmers-favourite-tree-challenge](http://www.sustainablefarms.org.au/news/farmers-favourite-tree-challenge)

Submissions should be emailed to [sustainablefarms@anu.edu.au](mailto:sustainablefarms@anu.edu.au) by Sunday 23rd August 2020.

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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**"I think you need time to daydream,  
to let your imagination take you  
where it can."**

**Dr Elizabeth Blackburn (1948 - )**

**First Australian woman to win the  
Nobel Prize (physiology & medicine)**

**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



**HCCC Membership so far**

**124 ... and counting**

## Website of the Week

An excellent program on ABC TV has just started screening on Tuesday nights - Fight for Planet A. Hosted by Craig Reucassel it follows on from his previous environmental series - War on Waste and focuses on what we can all do to mitigate climate change.

<https://www.abc.net.au/your-planet/>

## Community Notices & Classifieds

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

1st weekend of the month (not winter) 10-4	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</b> 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 	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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 	<b>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</b> 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 	<b>DRINKS ON THE TABLE</b> Starts at 6.30pm. A chance 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	<b>HUGHES CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> The next meeting will be in 2020 commencing at 7pm. All welcome. Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268
Last Thursday each month @ 5.30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> 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 	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366 at 94 Old Highlands Rd
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> 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	<b>QIGONG AT RUFFY</b> Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien 0429 772 011 or email: <a href="mailto:vivienwatmough@gmail.com">vivienwatmough@gmail.com</a> at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	<b>SWING DANCE CLASS</b> Swing dances featuring Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559 at Euroa Uniting Church Hall

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

### TERIP TERIP TENNIS COURTS STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS

In line with Tennis Victoria directives, outdoor tennis is permitted for two people.

Doubles is only permitted with people from the same household.

Only two courts can be used at the same time, leaving the middle court free.

We ask that you please adhere to these guidelines, along with sanitising the gate and lock box before and after use.

#### COURT HIRE

NON MEMBER court hire is \$10 per court per hour, and money can be placed in the safe box on the verandah of the club house.

Social 12 month memberships are available, please contact Cindy on 0429 772 011

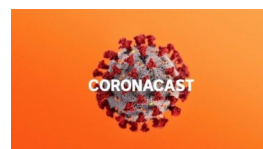


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### Coronavirus 24hr Hotline

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**LIFEGUARD POSITIONS**  
2020/21 Pool Season



We are looking for energetic individuals to come and work at our pools in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville and Yea. We are recruiting for a

**Supervisor/Lifeguard (casual position)**

**2IC Lifeguard (casual position)**

**Lifeguard (various casual positions)**

These roles are available from October 2020 to March 2021. Experience is not necessary, however Pool Lifeguard and Level 2 First Aid qualifications are essential. There is the opportunity for ongoing work in future seasons. For more information, including position descriptions, or to apply, please visit the 'jobs' section on our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or call Council's Aquatics & Community Development Officer, Johnnie Barrie on 5772 0333.

**Applications close 5.00 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.**



Connect to your community

Not everyone is lucky enough to have the support of family, friends and neighbours to help out at the moment. Council's 'DindiLink' service helps connect vulnerable people in our community to the services they need.

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on people in our community. If you don't have family or friends around to help you, or if you're feeling lonely and disconnected, **give our DindiLink team a call on 5772 0333** and we'll connect you to local services and activities available in our Shire. If you need support or if you know someone who needs it - get in touch.

DindiLink is brought to you by Council, with the support of the Victorian Government's 'Community Activation and Social Isolation Initiative'. **For more information, please visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/dindilink](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/dindilink)**

## Got a fantastic idea for a project you want to get off the ground?

Or does your community group need a little extra funding to bring that idea to life?

I'm running a series of **FREE online grants workshops**, designed to teach you the tips and tricks of writing successful applications. These 2.5-hour workshops will cover:

- Where to find grants
- How to prepare for grant success
- What a grant application looks like
- How grant writers decide which projects get funded
- How to acquit your grant project successfully

Click on the links below to register now:

[Workshop # 1: Tuesday, August 18, 2:00 – 4:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 2: Saturday, August 22, 10:00am – 12:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 3: Tuesday, September 8, 10:00am – 12:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 4, Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 – 8:30pm](#)

All workshops will take place via Zoom and be run by myself and an expert grant adviser with more than 30 years' experience as a grant seeker, grant maker and helping others find grants. The same content will be covered in each session, so you can pick a time that works best for you.

These workshops are designed for individuals, businesses and community organisations who want to upskill and don't want to waste their time writing grant applications that go nowhere. Everyone is welcome to attend. **(See p.4 for more information)**



## Book Butler at your Service



As these unprecedented times continue Murrindindi Library Service is still offering its **Book Butler Service** to patrons. A **FREE** non-contact delivery of items personally selected to your taste/loan history can be delivered to your door. If you haven't yet made use of this excellent service ring **57720349** to enquire now.

**NB: the Mobile Library Service remains suspended until further notice.**



## In my Father's Garden

In May and June this year Anna White spent time with her eighty-seven year old father in his garden in Longwood East. She came up with the idea of creating a video capturing this time. It represents the culmination of her lifelong relationship with her father and with his garden, which has been an inspiration for her artistic practice.



Doug White has lived on his block of land for approximately eighteen years and has passionately cultivated an amazing garden of native plants, many of them Western Australian (sadly destroyed by bushfire in December 2014). Doug has been a regular volunteer at the Euroa Arboretum for many years.

Anna White's background is visual art (painting). Over the last few years, she's become increasingly interested in the medium of photography. She has also revisited a long-held interest in dance. These interests all coalesce in this film – a first time exploration of this medium for Anna.

Soundtrack music for this short video is provided by Jim White, Xylouris White Picciotto and Jim White & Marisa Anderson



Here's a link to Anna White's webpage with two trailers for the video.

**The video will be launched on Tuesday 18 August, 2020 on this same page.**

<http://www.annawhite.com.au/video>

Supported by the City of Melbourne COVID-19 Arts Grants

## But wait there's more...

### Looking for more grants help?

My easy-to-read [How-to Guides](#) take you through the trickiest parts of applying for grants and contain lots of useful information. Visit my [website](#), download, print and share with your networks.

I've also created a series of [short videos](#) that guide you step-by-step through the grant process. Hear from grant-winning Indi locals about their secrets for success, and how you too can secure that funding.

### Search all grants, all in one place

You can also search the [Indi Funding Finder](#), my one-stop shop for all grants across Victoria and Australia. This easy-to-use site lists all grants available for individuals, community groups, not for profit organisations and businesses.

### Finally...

As your Independent Federal Member for Indi, I want to see our community prosper. Grants can strengthen our communities, create opportunities for the next generation and make this a better and more beautiful place to live. Let's do all we can to bring more funding and opportunity to our region.

I really hope to see you at one of my workshops.

Kind wishes

**Dr Helen Haines MP**

**Independent Federal Member for Indi** NB: This article was sent to me by several readers so interest is obviously high. Ed.

## Nankeen Night Heron – (*Nycticorax Calendonicus*)

The Nankeen Night Heron is a stocky heron with rich cinnamon upperparts, white-buff underparts, a black crown, and yellow legs and feet. The head is large, the neck short (giving a stooped appearance), and the legs relatively short. During breeding the back of the head bears three white nuptial plumes. The bill is dark olive-green, and the eyes are yellow. Young birds are heavily spotted and streaked white, brown and orange-brown. As they mature, the black cap of the adult develops first, with the body plumage remaining streaked for some time. The Nankeen Night Heron is also called the Rufous Night Heron.

Because it spends much of the day roosting hidden among dense foliage, only emerging in the twilight, the Nankeen Night-Heron is generally under-reported. Nevertheless, they occur throughout eastern and northern Australia, as well as in the western half of Western Australia. The species breeds in colonies which often comprise hundreds of pairs, with the largest colonies supporting thousands. Most of these large colonies are in the Murray–Darling Basin, and their numbers may build up quickly during wet years, and disperse when conditions deteriorate.

The Nankeen Night Heron is found throughout Australia, wherever there is permanent water, although it is uncommon in Tasmania. In all mainland states, except Victoria its conservation status is secure. In Victoria it is regarded as vulnerable.

The Nankeen Night Heron frequents well-vegetated wetlands, and is found along shallow river margins, mangroves, floodplains, swamps, and parks and gardens.

Nankeen Night Herons feed at night in shallow water on a wide variety of insects, crustaceans, fish and amphibians.

The Nankeen Night Heron breeds throughout the year, depending on food availability. Breeding takes place in colonies, often together with egrets and cormorants. The nest is a loose stick platform over water. Both sexes incubate the eggs.

**Text – Birdlife Australia Photo – Ron Litjens**



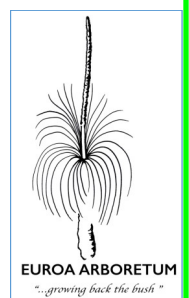
## Latest news from the Euroa Arboretum

While we are still officially in winter, the Arb is definitely moving into Spring flowering. Our Silver and Golden Wattle are blooming madly, and on a warm day, they are a buzz with both native and European Honey bees. The grasslands are beginning their range of colour with the Hoary Sunrays & Sticky Everlastings in flower, and the Purple Coral Pea showing their flash of colour. Marsh frogs are calling, & today the bush kinder kids from Euroa collected some frogs eggs in their water scoops. We found a few little tadpoles in the bush kinder pond.

It's such a treat to still have bush kinder allowed with our level 3 restrictions. We are loving hosting Euroa and Violet Town kindergartens. My favourite comment of the day – 'if we follow the trail of kangaroo poo, we might find the mob of kangaroos.'

We are welcoming visitors, and hoping you are enjoying your time and space at the Arboretum. Please maintain social distancing and wearing face masks, and enjoy the changing of the seasons.

NB: Although the Nursery is closed orders can be placed on-line for contactless pick-up. [www.euroaarboretum.com.au](http://www.euroaarboretum.com.au)





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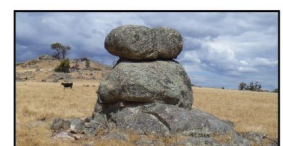
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