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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

A long time ago, some might even say last century and they'd be right, I went to High School and was entertained by the following interaction at least once every year. As we had over 1,000 students at my school whole school assemblies stretched all the way back to the canteen, across a rather large quadrangle.

Right at the very back were the 6th formers and right at the very front was the deputy principal trying to ascertain whether he could be heard with the classic line into the microphone of, "Hands up all those down the back who can't hear me?" Needless to say a plethora of hands always shot up!

It never ceased to amaze us younger students in the front why Basil, as he was affectionately called, kept asking this ridiculous question but we couldn't wait to get to 6th form to carry on this inane tradition ourselves.

Which brings me, in a rather convoluted way, to the fact that some readers are having issues receiving TGN each week and as a result you may not be reading this in the first place. However if you are, & it appears to be an intermittent fault so that is possible, or if you know of someone else who is, please send an email to editor@tgn.org.au to let me know and I'll see if I can maybe tweak or re-register any problem emails to hopefully sort the situation. I know, I know, just call me Basil.

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

And Kenny? Was cruising with the Book Butler Library Service.

HCCC News

GET WELL SOON

Janet Hagen

HCCC Facilitator Extraordinaire

Janet has recently spent some time in hospital but is now home with 'normal blood pressure, real normal not just Janet normal and recovering well.'

Janet has spent many years rabbit busting, tree planting, encouraging diversity and educating landholders throughout the HCCC area of the importance of caring for our rural environment. We wish her all the best for an uncomplicated & swift recovery!



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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www.highlands.org.au

"Share the world in peace and freedom. The Earth and its people have no owners."

Marisol Misenta (Isol)

Children's book author & winner of Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award

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

New Diet Program



HCCC Membership so far
125 ... and counting

Website of the Week

Whilst July may have finished for 2020 any month of the year is always a good time to look at how we can reduce our plastic consumption. The picture on p.3 gives a few ideas, but for more open up this website.

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

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 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	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 0429 772 011 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

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

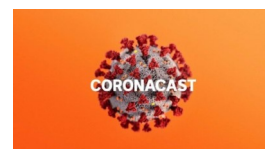


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2020/21 Pool Season



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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 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**

Look what's popped up on the Ghin Ghin cutting...



More details next week



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.

Shop Local Support Local Connect Local

It may be 'business as unusual' for many in Murrindindi Shire, but there are still plenty of ways our community can help support our local businesses, community groups, food and wine producers, artists and performers.



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Dindi Live brings the best local talent direct to your lounge room. Tune in each Friday at 6.30 pm via our Facebook page or on our website. The events are also streamed on local radio UGFM.

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NB: Whilst this initiative is directed at communities in the Murrindindi Shire the 3 Dindi offers can be accessed by all TGN readers - either by on-line shopping, trade/business enquiries or just chilling out with some excellent artists each Friday evening.

Eastern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*)

Often seen perched sideways on the trunks of trees, the Eastern Yellow Robin is a common inhabitant of forests and woodlands in eastern Australia, usually with a tall shrub layer and sparse ground cover. They are seldom noisy, but their penetrating piping call is one of the first of the morning chorus, often well before dawn. They usually feed by pouncing from low perches onto prey on the ground, but some have been seen foraging with Superb Lyrebirds, feeding on prey uncovered by the lyrebird's scratching.

The Eastern Yellow Robin is a medium sized robin with a grey back and head, and yellow underparts. Southern birds have an olive-yellow rump, while in northern birds it is brighter yellow. The throat is off-white and, in flight, there is a pale off-white wing bar. The bill is black. Both sexes are similar in plumage colour and pattern, but the female is slightly smaller. Young Eastern Yellow Robins are rufous-brown. The plumage has some paler streaks, which are confined to the wings when the birds are a little older.

The Eastern Yellow Robin is confined to the east and south-east of the Australian mainland. The range is mostly along the coastal and adjacent areas, but does extend quite large distances inland in some areas.

Eastern Yellow Robins are found in a wide range of habitats, from dry woodlands to rainforests. They are also common in parks and gardens, and are usually first seen perched on the side of a tree trunk or other low perch.

Eastern Yellow Robins feed on insects, spiders and other arthropods. These are caught mostly on the ground, and are pounced on from a low perch. Some handouts are also taken at picnic areas. Birds normally feed alone, but may also be seen in pairs or small family groups.

During breeding season, breeding pairs of Eastern Robins may lay up to three clutches of eggs. The female builds the nest and incubates the eggs. The nest is a woven cup of bark, grasses and other vegetation, bound together with spider web and lined with finer material and leaves. It is normally built in an upright tree fork, up to 20 m above the ground, but usually within 5 m of ground level. Both parents, and sometimes some other helpers, care for the young birds.

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Photo – Phil Glowacki



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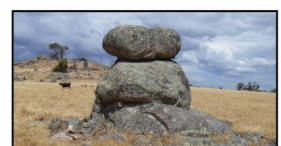
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