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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well spring has certainly sprung with the fine weather of the last week and it's good to see that, despite the continued government restrictions, the seasons continue to turn and stay constant. Likewise The Granite News will continue on (again) without the usual term holiday break, in a couple of weeks' time. In amongst all the uncertainty of 2020 this little newsletter will continue to be a constant, & hopefully welcome part of each readers' week. Until next issue continue to stay warm and safe, **Pauline And Kenny?** Was checking out the stormwater drain.



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"The relentless needs of war justify the risks of spreading infection."

Sir Arthur Newsholme (1857-1943)

Britain's senior medical officer WWI

His advice on whether or not to impose lockdowns/isolation in order to suppress the Spanish Flu virus

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

Have YOU considered becoming a local councillor?

Nominations to stand as a candidate for local council elections open on Thursday 17 September. The election will be held entirely by post.

'If you would like to represent your community, I encourage you to nominate as a candidate this election,' says Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately.

'The eligibility requirements for candidates have recently changed. If you are thinking about standing for election, make sure to confirm your eligibility & complete the mandatory online candidate training before lodging your nomination. This includes candidates who are currently or have previously been a councillor.'

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Victorian Electoral Commission's recorded candidate information session will be able to be streamed online from Thursday 3 September and will be complemented by state-wide interactive candidate seminars based on the information session video.

To watch the information session and find out how to join an online interactive seminar, candidates can visit the VEC website at vec.vic.gov.au. **The Candidate Handbook** is also available on the VEC website.

Candidates must make an appointment during business hours with the Election Manager to lodge their nomination forms and pay their **\$250 nomination fee**. They must have completed the online candidate training, as this is required by law and will be shown on each candidate's nomination form.

Candidates may make a nomination appointment with the Election Manager by calling 1300 128 939 from Wednesday 16 September. Candidates can also pre-fill a nomination form using the online Candidate Helper at candidatehelper.vec.vic.gov.au, available from Thursday 3 September.

Let's laugh



HCCC Membership so far

132 ... and counting

Rainfall

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
August	80.6 mm	110 mm
2020Total	706 mm	834 mm
August	21 Days	15 Days

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 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

FREE TO GOOD HOME

I have a very nice two-seater sofa that is free to a good home on condition that the person picks it up in the near future from the Terip Terip area!

If anyone is interested, please contact Annabel on 0428 380114.



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Grants and Contributions Program – Information Session

6.30 pm Tuesday 8 September

Have you got a project, event or activity that will contribute to community wellbeing, increased visitation and economic development for Murrindindi Shire - particularly one that helps with recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic? Well, applications are now open for Murrindindi Shire Council's Grants and Contributions Program!

If you are interested in applying for a grant through our Program, you can register to attend an online information session where you will learn more about the Program and how to write a competitive grant application. Council officers will also be available during the session to discuss your grant ideas & the next steps involved in submitting your application.

Information sessions will be held online throughout the year. The next online session is on at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8 September. To register, please visit our website and search 'Grants and Contributions', or give us a call.

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The RuffArtZ Committee extends a huge thank you to the community for your patience and support to RuffArtZ and the Cafe Culture Series during COVID lockdown in 2020. The Committee has worked through each scheduled event and has unfortunately had to cancel 3 of the 4 performances due to ongoing restrictions. Most devastating is that we cannot support the Arts sector and the many performers who are doing it hard at the moment. Season Ticket holders have been contacted in regards to their 2020 tickets. We hope to continue to bring music, arts & enjoyment back to the Tableland communities in 2021.

Miss September

Hi, my name is Ruby. I work hard during the week when my owner is working on the computer. I join her sitting at her feet sleeping for as long as she has to work and when she doesn't work I don't quite know what to do but follow her around everywhere waiting for her to go in and start. I'm 14 years old, turning 15 in October.

I am very lucky that my owners bought a property in Highlands nearly 10 years ago and I LOVE going there every weekend. If I see a bag being made ready I will follow my owner around, getting under her feet until she is ready to go. I will even sit at the back door so she doesn't forget me. I have even been known to sit on the bags just to ensure I am not forgotten. Sometimes I'm sure they go there without me when they go out somewhere else.

I have five brothers at Highlands with very long necks (alpacas). They used to make noises at me, but now I just ignore them and go about my own business. It helps that I can't hear very well, but if a packet is opened there I am waiting for my share.

When I get to Highlands, whether it is in the morning or afternoon, I still think that it is time for dinner.

I have been known to fret for my owner who went away last year for a couple of days (I think she went to Highlands without me). My owner's son took me to work and every break he had he took me out to go to the toilet, but I fooled him and waited all day only perking up as we came down the street towards home.

Look at those eyes, who can resist.

by Lynn Hilton



Can anyone help Karen with her research?

Dear Editor,

I am currently searching my family tree.

My great-great Grandfather Michael Donovan owned land in Ruffy & built a home there, circa 1880s?

I have found out that of the 14 roads/streets in Ruffy, one is named "Donovan Road".

I am hoping you can help in any way in regards to the Donovans living there during this time, if there are any records/history on the naming of the Donovan Road, any records on the land purchase, any local history with the family living in the area?

kindest regards

Karen Mackenzie

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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.

King Parrot – (Alisterus Scapularis)

The spectacular red and green King-Parrot is found along the east coast and ranges of Australia from Cooktown in Queensland all the way south to Port Campbell in Victoria. They are usually found in rainforests or wet sclerophyll forests where they mostly forage in the trees for their diet of seeds and fruit.

Male Australian King-Parrots are the only Australian parrots with a completely red head. Females are similar to males except that they have a completely green head and breast. Both sexes have a red belly and a green back, with green wings and a long green tail. King parrots are normally encountered in pairs or family groups.

They are seldom seen flying above the tree tops of the dense forests which they inhabit, as they prefer to fly below tree level, weaving in and out through the tree trunks instead. When they are disturbed by a person, they usually fly off with a harsh screech, and often do not land until they are lost to view. Their flight is swift and strong, characterised by deep, rhythmic wing-beats and regularly punctuated with rapid twists and turns.

The adult Crimson Rosella, is similar to the male Australian King-Parrot, but differs by having blue cheeks, shoulders, and tail, a whitish, rather than red, bill and a dark eye. Immature Crimson Rosellas also differ from female and immature King-Parrots by having blue cheeks, a whitish bill and a more yellow-green rather than dark green colouring.

King-Parrots lay their eggs on a bed of decayed wood-dust at the bottom of a deep hollow in the trunk of a tree. Often the entrance is high in the tree (10 m) but the eggs are near the ground (0.5 m).

A stunning bird in both colour and demeanour, they really do have a regal air about them.



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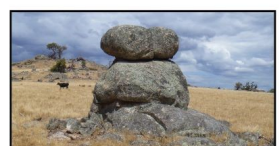
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