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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Over the last couple of weeks I have received several emails asking 2 questions - 1. What does HCCC stand for? and

2. What does the HCCC do?

So, as it's been a while since there was an article in TGN highlighting both those queries it's probably time for an encore.

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative, the publisher of The Granite News, is a Landcare Network combining Highlands, Whitehead's Creek, Upper Hughes Creek & Hughes Creek Landcare Groups. It is based in the southern Strathbogie Ranges, Central Victoria Upland Slopes and covers the localities of Ruffy, Terip, Caveat, Highlands, Dropmore, Tarcombe, Kobyboyn and Whitehead's Creek.



Formed in 1994, the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) has evolved from various Rabbit Action Groups and Landcare Groups that started in the 1980s. Landcare enables people to do something practical about protecting and restoring Australia's unique environment. Landcare members have control in setting the activities and the focus that HCCC wishes to pursue however these activities must be in line with the **Landcare ethic - "A caring attitude & a wish to pass our planet onto the next generation in a healthier state than we find it in today."**

HCCC strives to provide a supportive environment which provides local people with the opportunity to come together, share knowledge and experiences and to do something practical to improve the long term health of our land.

It promotes the sustainable production of high quality food and fibre and supports the maintenance of a farm's productive capacity through the implementation of environmental best practice farming techniques and the apt adoption of sustainable farming technologies. It also aims to support smaller, new and absentee landholders with alternative lifestyle aspirations in the management of their land for better environmental outcomes.

Our Landcare network's activities include pest plant and animal control, biodiversity conservation, waterway management, revegetation, soil health management, protection of endangered species plus community welfare and education. The executive committee consists of two nominated representatives from each Landcare group plus the President. All landholders who participate in Landcare activities are considered to be ordinary members of the group along with those TGN readers who have recently indicated that they wish to be considered members in support of the HCCC's objectives. There are no membership fees.

Until next issue continue to stay warm and safe, **Pauline And Kenny?** Was keeping Miss September—Ruby dog, company.



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au
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www.highlands.org.au

"As information becomes more plentiful, the scarce resource becomes attention."

A comment on the saturation of electronic gadgetry in the 21st C.

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
136... and counting

Website of the Week

Do you have a problem with too much stuff? Well the ideas on this website might just be able to help. Although this movement commenced in 2007 in the San Francisco Bay area, its concerns and philosophies are global.

www.storyofstuff.org

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

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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HCCC News

HCCC has received the following article from the GBCMA - Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. Some readers may like to respond to it.

For some time, farmers and other stakeholders across the supply chain have expressed their concerns to the government about imbalances in commercial arrangements, from the farm gate through to the retailer.

The Australian Government has directed the ACCC (Australian Competition and Consumer Commission) to undertake a public inquiry to assess whether there are harmful imbalances in market power in bargaining powers taking place. **They are encouraging farmers and other stakeholders to put in a submission by the 18th September 2020.** The inquiry will focus its attention on the domestic supply chain.

In completing the review, the ACCC will make recommendations to address any issues they find, including any shortcomings in the laws and policy settings used to manage interactions across the supply chain.

A copy of the terms of reference for the inquiry available on the ACCC website at <https://www.accc.gov.au/focus-areas/inquiriesongoing/perishable-agricultural-goods-inquiry/terms-of-reference>

A confidential submission can be found at <https://www.accc.gov.au/focus-areas/inquiries-ongoing/perishable-agricultural-goodsinquiry/submissions>

A Webinar that might be useful for \$\$\$

Helen Haines MP is offering a free grant workshop

Have you 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?

Then why not register for the final, free online grant workshops for Indi community organisations, not-for-profit groups and businesses. But be quick!

The final 2.5-hour workshop will be held on Tuesday 15th September so you can explore:

- * 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

Register on Helen's website, where you can also:

- * Download easy-to-read 'How-to' guides to step you through the grant-seeking process
- * View videos about writing a grant application that will get attention
- * Discover the 'Indi Funding Finder', a comprehensive, on-line portal offering free access to the widest range of current grants.

Link

<https://www.helenhaines.org/resources/grants>

Helen Haines will also be launching the final plan for community owned renewable energy on September 23rd. More details in next week's TGN.

Library & Customer Service Team Leader (Alexandra Branch) Full Time Band 5

Council is seeking a new Team Leader to provide Council's customer and library services at its Alexandra Library and Customer Service Centre. The successful applicant will lead and support staff and volunteers to provide a high quality customer and library services to the community. The role will actively engage with the community through the delivery of library materials and programs.

To succeed in this role, you will have experience with libraries and in the delivery of exceptional customer service. You will have excellent team work, organisational and problem-solving skills, great judgement and a creative flair. You will be proficient in using computer systems and comfortable with social media.

You will be required to work some evenings and will be part of a Saturday work roster. You will also need to undertake duties and training at other Council/Library sites as directed. You will need to hold a valid Victorian Driver's Licence, Working with Children Check, a CrimCheck, food handling and RSA certificates.

Applications should be addressed to the Coordinator Murrindindi Library Services, Libby Kotschet. All applications should contain a covering letter and address the key selection criteria set out in the position description. Please note that applications which do not address the selection criteria may not be considered.

For more information or to discuss the role please, see murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs or call Libby Kotschet on 5772 0333.

You can submit an application and any accompanying attachments: On Council's website - you will receive an email notification confirming your application. By email msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au **Applications close at 2 pm Monday 21 September 2020.**



Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*)

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos were once content to feed on the seeds of native shrubs and trees, especially banksias, hakeas and casuarinas, as well as extracting the insect larvae that bore into the branches of wattles. Now, after the establishment of extensive plantations of exotic Monterey Pines, the cockatoos may feed more often by tearing open pine cones to extract the seeds.

The Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo is a large cockatoo. It is easily identified by its mostly black plumage, with most body feathers edged with yellow, not visible at a distance. It has a yellow cheek patch and yellow panels on the tail. The female has a larger yellow cheek patch, pale grey eye-ring (pink in males), white upper bill (grey-black in males) and black marks in the yellow tail panels. Young birds resemble the adult female, but young males have a smaller cheek patch.

The Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo is found in south-eastern Australia, from Eyre Peninsula, South Australia to south and central eastern Queensland. It inhabits a variety of habitat types, but favours eucalypt woodland and pine plantations. Small to large flocks can be seen in these areas, either perched or flying on slowly flapping wings.

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos feed in small to large, noisy flocks. The favoured food is seeds of native trees and pinecones, but birds also feed on the seeds of ground plants while some insects are also eaten.

Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos have a long breeding season, which varies throughout their range. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a large tree hollow, lined with wood chips. The female alone incubates the eggs, while the male supplies her with food. Usually only one chick survives, and this will stay in the care of its parents for about six months.

Text – Birdlife Australia

Photos – Phil Glowacki



Local Council Elections are coming up...

During October postal voting will decide who the incoming councillors will be for the next 4 years for local councils throughout the state of Victoria. Normally, The Granite News does not accept electoral copy from prospective candidates for any elections, Federal, State or Local. However, during these unprecedented times nothing is normal and with the restrictions currently in place candidates are unable to get out and meet and greet local residents prior to the election.

With this situation in mind TGN will offer all candidates, in all 3 local council areas covered by the HCCC - **Mitchell, Murrindindi & Strathbogie** - the opportunity to submit a short biopic and their proposed ideas and priorities if elected to their local councils. **Please note any copy will need to be in a format that can be edited for space, if necessary, and photo sizes to be in KBs not MBs.**

As nominations close on Tuesday 23rd Sept. candidates' submissions will be publicised in TGN after this date and will need to display official authorisation. **Voting will close at 6pm on Friday 23rd Oct.**



ADOPTED GOVERNANCE RULES

Notice is given that at a meeting held of the Strathbogrie Shire Council on 25 August 2020, the Council resolved to adopt Governance Rules under section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

Purpose of the Governance Rules:

The purpose of the Governance Rules is to:

- Outline processes for Councillors, committee members and staff to declare conflicts of interest
- Provide for Council's Election (Caretaker) Period Policy
- Identify processes for the election of Mayor and (if required) Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Delegated Committees or Community Asset Committees
- Set out procedures for Council meetings, including the Audit and Risk Committee, any Delegated Committees and Community Asset Committees.

General purport of the Governance Rules:

Chapter one outlines processes to ensure orderly and inclusive Council meetings, which in turn support good governance and sound decision making. Community participation in Council meetings has been broadened to reinforce the importance of community input into our decision making processes. The same meetings procedures apply to all Delegated Committees, Community Asset Committees and the Audit and Risk Committee unless otherwise resolved by Council. Procedures for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are also outlined in Chapter 1.

Conflicts of interest must be declared by Councillors, members of Committees and Council Staff (either providing advice to a Council or Committee meeting or making decisions under delegated powers). Chapter two sets out the process for transparently declaring these interests in accordance with the Act.

Chapter three deals with more informal meetings of Councillors and how records of those in attendance, and a summary of the matters discussed at these meetings are to be made available to the public through the Council agenda and minutes. This chapter also deals with the classification of information as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer to ensure there is continuity with the 1989 Act.

The Election (Caretaker) Period Policy is outlined in Chapter four and is essentially the same as that adopted by Council in March 2020, with minor amendments to reflect the passing of the 2020 Act.

How can I get a copy of the Governance Rules?

Copies of the Governance Rules are available in hard copy from Council's Customer Service Centres (see >>>)



2021 Australia Day Award Nominations

Do you know someone who has shown considerable dedication to the community and is worthy of an Australia Day Award? Or is there a local organisation that stands out? If so, then we would like you to put pen to paper and fill in an Australia Day Award nomination form.

Nomination forms can be obtained in the following ways:

- Online via the website www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/tourism/about-events/australia-day-celebrations
- By calling our Customer Service Team on 03 5795 000 or 1800 065 993 and requesting a form to be mailed to you.

The Award Categories are:

- **Community Organisation of the Year**
- **Junior Citizen of the Year** (under 15 years at 26/01/2021)
- * **Young Citizen of the Year** (between 15 - 25 years at 26/01/2021)
- **Citizen of the Year** (over 25 years at 26/01/2021)

Cancelled - Community Event of the Year - this category has been removed from the 2021 awards due to events not being able to be held as a result of COVID-19

On Tuesday 26 January 2021, there will be Australia Day celebrations in Avenel, Euroa, Longwood, Nagambie, Strathbogrie and Violet Town, pending COVID-19 restrictions and relevant advice from DHHS. Nominations forms can be lodged by the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/tourism/about-events/australia-day-celebrations>

- **Email:** info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au

- **Mail:** PO Box 177 Euroa, 3666
- **Phone:** Strathbogrie Shire Council 03 5795 0000 or 1800 065 993 for further information

Nominations close 5pm, Monday 21 September 2020

ADOPTED GOVERNANCE RULES - Continued

at Euroa (109a Binney Street, Euroa) and Nagambie (293 High Street, Nagambie) during office hours.

An electronic copy can be found on Council's website www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au. You can also request a hard or electronic copy of the document by calling our Customer Service team on 1800 065 993.

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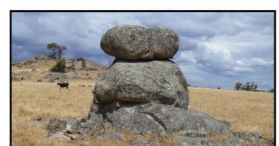
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