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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Good news for all those TGN readers who are not in the Melbourne area, we have a little more flexibility in our lives. Common sense on many levels has assisted with this, so let's continue to practise social distancing, wear our masks and keep ourselves and others safe.

Another 6 readers have indicated their membership support of the HCCC in the last week, which is excellent and the HCCC President Jenny Webb has a small request of everyone, all 142 of you, see below.

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

And Kenny? Was checking out the beautiful Free to Good Home couch.

HCCC News

Many thanks to all those TGN readers who have registered as members of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare group. We are most grateful for your interest and support.

HCCC would like to find out more about your concerns regarding conservation and land management in the area in order to prioritise issues and meet community needs and expectations.

Attached is a short survey, the results of which will be valuable for both planning purposes and for supporting all future submissions, including ongoing funding for our facilitators.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCCsurvey>

We look forward to receiving your responses and moving forward with important Landcare issues and activities in a post-Covid environment.

Thank you again,

Jenny Webb, President HCCC

Living in Highlands

For many people, perhaps for most, the Covid-19 pandemic brings intense and lasting suffering. I can hardly imagine what people are going through. Apart from the health scare, the economic cost is enormous, with the most vulnerable hit hardest. Those of us who live in rural areas do have some respite from the restrictions experienced by city dwellers.

Lying in bed in the morning the first call I hear is the Kookaburra chorus. Is it the first call or the second? I'm not sure. Soon the Grey Shrike Thrush sings a beautiful solo on the verandah, followed by the cute shrill of the Fantailed Cuckoo. I wonder whose nest s/he has an eye on. There are other calls among which is the Eastern Spinebill, who I am sure is already buried in the Grevillea bush. When I open the curtains the Superb Blue Wrens are tapping on the window. On the lawn outside a group of Crimson Rosellas are busy seeking seeds unperturbed by the Yellow Wattlebird splashing in the bird bath. When I go outside the family of Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos are busy in the trees behind the house & the Swallows are checking nesting sites around the mudbrick garage. Near the gazebo two magpies are seriously working the lawn. I can't help seeing the mess the Echidna has made overnight in the rockery, but try not to worry. Looking out across the cleared area in front of the house, a dozen kangaroos are grazing, conscientiously keeping their social distance. There are no planes overhead & no traffic sounds. Apart from the birds the silence is pervasive. How lucky I am to live in Highlands? The sounds are beautiful, the silence healing & the scenery wonderful.

Stuart A. Reid - Highlands



Hughes Creek
Catchment
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Landcare

Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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www.highlands.org.au

**"Isn't it bit unnerving that doctors
call what they do - practice!"**

George Carlin (1937-2008)

American comedian, actor & author

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
142... and counting**

Website of the Week

If last week's website all about STUFF was of interest then this link on the same website, all about Plastic should appeal too. For the month of September there's a FREE film to view too!

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

Community Notices & Classifieds

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

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th October from 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 TOWN Starts at 6.30pm. A social event for all to enjoy with friends old and new. All welcome, especially those who enjoy a drink. 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 951559 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

Some of these activities could be reinstated soon so ... stay tuned!
Darren's Back, see above



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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VALE - GLEN GEORGE

Our dear friend Glen has passed away peacefully at home in Broadford on Sep. 15 2020. Over the years Glen and Terry developed their Ruffy farm 'Parrindi' on the Weibye Track into a world class Alpaca stud.

Upon retirement they moved to Broadford and purchased a narrow boat in the UK. They would spend half of each year touring on the canals enjoying the glorious countryside and visiting historic sites.

Glen was a stalwart of the RuffArtZ team. Many of you may have encountered her in her role as the kind hearted ticket secretary. She could never say no, no matter how late you rang or how full the hall was she would always find you a seat. As a result some events were very cosy affairs.

Glen was also creator, founder and driving force behind the renowned Ruffy Art Show. Her lovely nature, professionalism and deep respect for the artists and their work earned the Ruffy Art Show a state wide reputation for excellence, among artists and patrons alike. Apart from raising thousands of dollars for the community it also showcased the work of local people who had been inspired by the Art Show to develop their creative talents.

Glen's creative spark, professionalism, integrity, generosity and capacity for hard work was an inspiration to us all. She had a smile for everyone, and a heart of gold and she will be sadly missed. Love and sympathy to Terry and the family.

The Funeral Service to celebrate her life will be held on WEDNESDAY (Sep. 23 2020) commencing at 11.30am at Mark J. Floyd Funeral services chapel - floydfunerals.com.au (03) 5795 1086 Numbers are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions. A Livestream of the funeral service will be broadcast at www.pscptv/floydfunerals Mark J. Floyd Funeral Services



Some NEW Diary Dates... at last!!



Want to catch up on these opportunities?

If you missed out on viewing the Grant Workshops organised by Helen Haines' office then click on this link to find out about grant resources and the Indi Funding Finder.

<https://www.helenhaines.org/resources/grants?ct=t>
(EMAIL CAMPAIGN 9 18 2020 17 12)

Also this Wednesday at 10am will see the launch of the **Local Power Plan** which will connect community-led renewable energy organisations across the country. Registrations are free - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2415978853204/WN_w1ka5lekSi6mYlf3il1m3Q?ct=t (EMAIL CAMPAIGN 9 18 2020 17 12)

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.**

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO 1 – USE OF THE COMMON SEAL 2020

Notice is given that, pursuant to section 119 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the 1989 Act), at a meeting held of the Strathbogie Shire Council on 25 August 2020, the Council resolved to adopt Local Law No 1 – Use of the Common Seal 2020.

The following information about the adopted Local Law is provided in accordance with section 119(2) of the 1989 Act:

Purpose of the Local Law:

The purpose of the Local Law is to:

- provide for continuity in regulation around the use of Council's Common Seal and to prohibit its unauthorised use; & repeal the existing Strathbogie Shire Council Meetings Procedures Local Law No 1 of 2014, which is being replaced by Governance Rules required under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the 2020 Act).

General purport of the Local Law:

The Local Law provides for the administration, storage and use of Council's Common Seal and repeals an existing local law that is required to be replaced by Governance Rules under the new 2020 Act. The Local Law creates an offence for the misuse of the Common Seal.

How can I get a copy of the Local Law?

Copies of the Local Law are available in hard copy from Council's Customer Service Centres 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.strathbogie.vic.gov.au You may also request a hard or electronic copy by calling our Customer Service Team on 1800 065 993.

JULIE SALOMON - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Eastern Spinebill – (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)

The Eastern Spinebill inhabits shrubs in open eucalypt forests, as well as shrubland, heathland and suburban gardens. They use their long, slender, decurved bills to probe deep into flowers, at all levels from the canopy down to the undergrowth, to feed on the sweet nectar. Some plants appear to have evolved specially to be pollinated by them. Fuelled with this energy-rich nectar, Eastern Spinebills are also often seen actively darting about on whirring, fluttering wings, after flying insects.

The Eastern Spinebill is most easily recognised by its very long, fine, down-curved beak and energetic flight, during which its white outer tail feathers are prominent. Males have a grey-black crown which extends in a black line on either side of the breast. The breast and throat are white, with a rufous patch in the centre of the throat. The wings and lower back are dark grey and the underparts and upper back are buff. Females are similar to males but have less distinct markings.

The Eastern Spinebill's range is generally east of the Great Dividing Range from Cooktown in Queensland to the Flinders Ranges in South Australia and it prefers heath, forest and woodland for his habitat.

Its diet consists of insects and nectar while perched or while hovering. Nectar is obtained from a wide array of flowers, including grevilleas, but its beak is particularly well-suited to extracting nectar from tubular flowers like heaths.

The Eastern Spinebill's nest is a small cup of twigs, grass and bark, combined with hair and spider's web, built in a tree fork, generally between 1 and 5 metres from the ground. Only the female builds the nest and incubates the eggs, but both parents feed the young when they hatch.

Text: Birdlife Australia

Photos: Philip Glowacki



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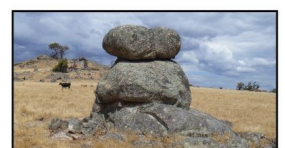
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