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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With only 2 more issues for 2020, this one and next week, it's probably very timely to remind both TGN's 2020 advertisers, as well as the local community, that a great way to support our informative weekly newsletter is to place a yearly ad on the back page.

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**And Kenny?** Was checking out the hardy Everester cyclists.



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**"Covid 19 was a health emergency  
with profound economic  
implications."**

**Katherine Murphy**

**Director - Australian National Press  
Club**

**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**

## 'END OF YEAR GET TOGETHER'

### For the Highlands / Caveat Community

Enjoy a Feed and long awaited Chat at  
Highlands Hall  
**Friday 11<sup>TH</sup> December 2020.**

BBQ at 6.30pm, Sausages and Hamburgers provided, BYO a Salad to share along with your Drink, Glass, Chair & Mask.

Although Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed we need to still be aware of social distancing.

This is a Community Break-up, so we would like ALL Community groups and members to attend.



## HCCC News

The next HCCC meeting, open to everyone for the first time since February, will be **Thursday 10th Dec at 8pm** at the Tablelands Community Centre. Bring your own chair & glass - drinks & nibbles will be provided!

Hoping to meet you there.

Enquiries? - Justus 0458 904268

Let's  
laugh



## HCCC Membership so far 161 ... and counting

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
November	28.1 mm	30 mm
2020 Total	900.5 mm	1,055 mm
November Rain Days	4 Days	6 Days

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...

Sat 5th & Sun 6th December from 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 enjoys tea. Bring along any books or home-grown produce if you like. Highlands Community Centre enjoy a cuppa, swap stories.
2nd Friday each month @ 6.30pm 	<b>DRINKS ON THE TABLE</b> Starts at 6.30pm. All welcome, especially newcomers. Meet up with friends old and new. All drinks supplied. 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. at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
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?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be back on the following dates— Dec. 2nd & 16th and Jan. 13th & 27th. 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 0428 969366 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!! at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

## Exciting news! - The Mobile Library is BACK!

We are pleased to announce that Council's Mobile Library and Customer Service has resumed operations with revised hours and a full COVID-safe plan in place. There are strict limits on the number of customers allowed inside the van at any one time, given space limitations. A maximum of one customer or up to three customers from the same household are allowed inside the van at any one time.

The revised schedule is listed above and also available on Murrindindi Shire's website. It will also be displayed at each Mobile stop location.

For more information, please give us a call on 5772 0333 or check our [website](#).

## Terip Tennis Club

Our courts are available for social use  
(following Covid rules).

Social memberships are now available.

Please contact Cindy Hayes  
for details



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## DISCOVER YOUR BACKYARD

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## The Value of a Decade

Age is but a number, a philosophy greatly embodied by Caveat dog Winnie. This pint-sized walking dishmop is celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> glorious year this December, but don't be fooled, she maybe in her later years but this little troublemaker has the spirit of a puppy through and through.

This is most noticeable when greeting visitors, a few loud barks from a hidden vantage point as she alerts everyone to her presence. The sheer excitement of making a new friend soon takes over with her tail wagging enough it could fly off. Sprinting over to her visitors she instantly rolls over and insists on a good tummy tickle.

This is merely one of her duties, most days are taken up with the important tasks of slipper hiding, BBQ cleaning and wombat hunting. With a wombat inhabiting the



underneath of her house Winnie has made it her duty to ensure he knows who is boss.

She is also one for adventure, trips down to the bush, visits to the beach and nights in the big city, she has travelled and seen the world. However, she is most happy when relaxing on the farm, whether sprawled across the veranda basking in the summer sun or wrapped around the wood heater in the winter months

comfort comes naturally to this little one.

So, as she reaches this milestone decade and reflects on the times gone by, certain things have become very clear.

- \* life is what you make of it
- \* you should always put in 100 percent energy
- \* never take on a vacuum cleaner and
- \* always sit under father's chair at dinner time.

**Laura Bennett**

**Currently UK resident, formerly of Caveat**

**Murrindindi**  
Shire Council

**CFA FIRE DANGER PERIOD  
STARTS 7 DECEMBER**

The CFA's Declared Fire Danger Period begins on Monday 7 December 2020.

From that date, burning off in the open air is prohibited, other than fires for warmth or cooking. No fires are to be lit on days of Total Fire Ban.

A zero tolerance approach is taken to the deliberate or reckless lighting of fires during the Fire Danger Period and significant penalties apply. To report a fire during the Fire Danger Period, please call 000.

**For any other enquiries about fire prevention please visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or give Council a call on 5772 0333.**

## Tablelands Community Centre at Ruffy

### HOW ARE YOUR TOMATOES GROWING?

Remember long slow watering to the ground once per week.

Keep in touch tomato questions, photos to [tccruffy@gmail.com](mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com)

**ANY RED TOMATOES OUT THERE?**

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## Smartphone Stories

Smartphone Stories Victoria has been funded through the Vic Health – Art of Good Health Partnerships Grants program and is a creative arts-based project that contributes to health and wellbeing by reducing social isolation, building self-esteem and strengthening community connection through accessible filmmaking practices.

It's a fun, interactive community-based workshop project that gives participants the skills, information and equipment to be able to develop and make their own films, and tell their own stories, using a mobile phone.

A smartphone story might be a short drama or comedy film, a short documentary, an experimental film, a music video or a vlog, or something else. A story can be made by one person, or by a team of people. A smartphone story can be made by anyone – imagine being able to film the family gathering over Christmas and turn it into a story to look back on for years to come!

Participants attend a 2-day workshop where they will learn the skills to produce, write, direct, shoot and edit a film made entirely on a mobile phone, while creating their first digital story. Remote mentoring support is then available for three months after the workshop to produce their own original films, and participants will have the opportunity to showcase their film at a local event and online.

**Workshops are open to anyone (whole of community) and are FREE – just register at -**

[www.smartphonestories.com/register](http://www.smartphonestories.com/register)

### Workshop 1 (Euroa)

Monday 7 December 2020 - 9am-4pm and  
Wednesday 9 December 2020 - 9am-4pm

### Workshop 2 (Nagambie)

Tuesday 8 December 2020 - 9am-4pm and  
Thursday 10 December 2020 - 9am-4pm



**Free Seniors  
Filmmaking  
Workshops  
in December**  
*Bring the  
grandkids!*



## TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Regretfully we have decided to not go ahead with our tournament in 2021.

**We will be back in January 2022!**



## Kelvin View Christmas Tree 2020

**Where** – Kelvin View Public Hall and Recreation Reserve, Kelvin View School Road, Kelvin View 3666.

**When** – 19 December 2020, starting at 4pm until late.

**Everyone welcome**

Cold Meats buffet, salads and sweets provided for \$15 per adult (Children free). BYO Drinks.

Santa will be attending on the Kelvin View fire truck at approximately 7.30pm.

Mums, Dads, carers – Welcome to bring a wrapped gift for your kids from Santa. Please provide to Betty Broughton before 7pm please.

**RSVP and further information via Betty (0429 177809) & Neville (0427 905273) Broughton.**

Look forward to seeing you all there. COVID Safe controls to be implemented in accordance with DHHS requirements.

**Kelvin 0436 611212**



## Y WATER DISCOVERY CENTRE @ YEA WETLANDS

**Established Business Opportunity  
Yea Wetlands Kiosk**

The Y Water Discovery Centre @ Yea Wetlands is an award winning environmentally-focused Visitor Information Centre adjacent to the regionally significant Yea Wetlands. The Centre attracts 30,000 visitors annually. The Centre is inviting Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced, motivated persons or community groups to operate the Yea Wetlands Kiosk.

The Yea Wetlands Kiosk is an established, successfully operated business ideal for an operator who wishes to gain experience in the hospitality industry, or a local community organisation to earn funds to contribute to their future endeavours or charitable efforts.

### Key Features

- Only 90 minutes from Melbourne, located adjacent to the busy junction of Melba and Goulburn Valley Highways
- No significant capital outlay required. Fully fitted out and all furniture and major equipment, supplied including coffee machine, ice cream and display cabinets, fridge and freezer.
- Well established kiosk facilities, with access to decking and garden amenities
- Kiosk to operate minimum 10am-4pm four days/week plus public holidays, 46 weeks a year
- One year agreement, with option to renew
- Utilities costs met by Centre
- Realistic license fee payment schedule and negotiable terms, including during start-up period
- Bring your own innovative food offerings
- Preference for locally sourced and environmentally sustainable food and beverage and packaging
- Opportunity to build business- catering for Wetlands and community events hosted at the Centre
- Operator required to have own ABN and relevant food handling license and insurance cover

Expressions of interest, setting out details of experience/credentials and proposed business model, are to be marked Yea Wetlands Kiosk – in confidence and submitted to [association@ywatercentre.com.au](mailto:association@ywatercentre.com.au) by 4pm on Friday 11 December, 2020. For further information please call 5797 3394.

## Another Everest challenge completed!

No doubt most of us were sheltering indoors on Friday and Saturday as the gale force winds raged and rain pelted down, but several hardy souls were "Everesting" up and down the Ghin Ghin cutting....

It was an incredible day out for a group of hardy women attempting their 'Everesting' challenge on Ghin Ghin Rd this weekend. On paper it is scary enough - 20 laps of the climb in one day, 8848m of elevation gain, 300km, 20+ hours in the saddle. We knew it would be tough, but the weather threw even more adversity into the mix.



A couple decided to start at first light on Friday and got it done by the wee hours of Saturday, by which time a group of us were enjoying the peaceful stillness of riding in the dark. Others joined

by dawn, supported by a large contingent of family, friends and supporters. Unfortunately for most of us, there was no escaping the incoming tempest, which brought squally winds and driving rain.

With many hours of riding to go, a few abandoned at this stage, while the rest of us battled through the elements, darkness, fear of wandering wombats, fatigue, aching bodies and indifferent stomachs, pushing determination to the limits.



By the time the last riders finished their quest after midnight on Saturday, we had clocked up 10 full Everests, 9 'base camps' (half Everests) and over 500 cumulative laps. We would like to thank the Highlands committee for making the hall available (it proved the perfect base), and for courteously sharing the road, and will be making a donation from funds raised.



More thoughts on the day are to be found at our event Instagram page @hills\_angels\_everesting

Alison Skene

To paraphrase Sir Edmund Hillary 'They knocked the bastard off.' Ed.



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## Hey Neighbour!

Spreading local kindness

Do you want to spread some local kindness in your community?

Hey Neighbour! is an initiative identified in Council's COVID-19 Community Recovery Plan and aims to help reduce feelings of social isolation and encourage the re-establishment of local connections within our community.

Spread some kindness locally by grabbing a 'Hey Neighbour!' postcard from your local shop or community organisation and popping it in your neighbour's letterbox to offer a helping hand, show your appreciation, say thanks or invite them over for a (COVID-safe!) backyard BBQ.

For more information about the Hey Neighbour! Initiative, please visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/heyneighbour](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/heyneighbour)



### HAVE YOUR SAY - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

We're inviting community members to have their say and help develop Council's new Community Engagement Policy. We want our Policy and practices to support the best possible engagement with community members and we want to make it easier for you to let us know what you think about a plan, initiative or project.

#### How can you get involved?

You can complete a short survey either online at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/YourOpinionMatters](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/YourOpinionMatters) or fill in a paper survey at our Library and Customer Service Centre in Yea, Kinglake or Alexandra.

You can also take part in one of our 90-minute online focus group sessions, which are being held at 10.30 am Tuesday 15 December, 10.30 am Friday 18 December and 7.00 pm Thursday 17 December.

To complete the survey, register for a focus group session or for more information, please visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/YourOpinionMatters](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/YourOpinionMatters) or give Council a call on 5772 0333.



Kristen R MacKenzie

"What You Seek"

"What you seek is seeking you" Rumi

"Drawings, prints and paintings contain multi-dimensional levels like all living things; not restricted to what you see on the surface. Her art should spark imaginations within the viewer to look beyond what at first you see. She believes in the beauty in all living things, miracles, magic, the inexplicable, and the inter connection that exists between every living thing around us. These themes have wound their way through these artworks."



Opening Friday December 4th December 2020 at 6.30pm and then on display until the 4th January 2021.

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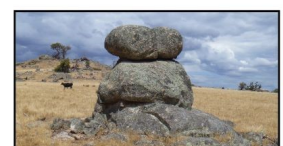
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