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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

During its lifetime The Granite News has always been very well supported by the local HCCC community and beyond. A part of this support is the annual advertisements on the final page of each issue. Whilst the majority of the advertisers continue with their support from year to year, for a variety of reasons, ad spaces sometimes become vacant. This is the case at present with one spare waiting for a new supporter. At a very reasonable **cost of \$250 per annum, or \$5.95 per issues**, this is an excellent way to advertise any local business to a large audience. Please contact the Editor if you are interested in taking up that opportunity.

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Until next week, **Pauline**

**And Kenny?** Was having fun with the Royal Hi Jinx!

## WOW!

And speaking of The Royal Hi Jinx, well they certainly lived up to their name and an excellent night was had by all who attended!



## HCCC News

Friday 21st February was the monthly meeting of the HCCC and there is good news on the Soil Carbon Testing Demonstration. Readers may recall that last year there was an article in The Granite News calling for interested landowners joining this trial program. So far the initial soil samples have been taken from 4 properties and sent off for analysis. The results have now been forwarded to the landholders. Action plans will be developed in light of these results and then after further trialling - **see p. 5**



Feedback? - [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au)

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**"I'm an actor. It's not brain surgery. If I do my job right, people won't ask for their money back."**

**Sir Thomas (Sean) Connery**

**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**

## For Sale

Vintage timber oval dining table, seats 6, chairs not included, table on castors. \$100 to take away.



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## Website of the Week

<http://euroaarboretum.com.au/catalogue/>

**The Euroa Arboretum's current plant catalogue. Put your order in now as the nursery reopens on 1/3.**

# Community Notices & Classifieds

## CALENDAR of EVENTS — February & March

Thursday 27th February @ 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
Saturday 29th February @ 6pm	<b>It's been a while so it's time to PARTY!</b> Come along and celebrate the 366th day of the year! See p.3 for more or contact <b>Melissa 0404 833388</b>	at Tablelands Community Centre
Friday 6th March 7 - 8.30pm	<b>PLATYPUS &amp; RAKALI COUNT</b> Join in the annual count of these unique Australian creatures. See p.3 for more details	<b>NB New Date!</b> at Yea Wetlands
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 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
Saturday 7th March 10.30 for 11am start	<b>WILDERNESS .v. RICHMOND UNION over 60s Cricket Match</b> It's BACK!! The cricket game to end all cricket games is on again. See Previous TGNs & be there!	at Ruffy Rec Reserve
Monday 9th March @ 11am 	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2020 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided.	<b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
Friday 13th March @ 6.30pm 	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> Starts at 6.30pm bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.	at Highlands Community Hall
Saturday 14th March @ 8.45am	<b>STRATHBOGIE RANGES RIPARIAN Walk #3.4</b> Another excellent walk discovering our local waterways. Details still to come but save the date.	starting location TBC
Saturday 14th March @ 6pm 	<b>CASSEROLE DINNER Fundraising for Gobur Grave Restorations</b> Come along and support this great cause. \$25 per head with kids under 12 Free! BYO Drinks.	at Ruffy Hall <b>Enquiries? Geoff 57904282 or Millie 57734287</b>
Friday 20th March @ 7pm	<b>A FILM NIGHT to remember - 2040</b> An entertaining & uplifting film directed by Damon Gameau, see p.5 & next week's TGN for more!	at Highlands Community Hall
Saturday 28th March 9am - 2pm	<b>LEARNING with LANDCARE</b> Morning tea & lunch provided. Further details in next week's TGN.	at Yea Council Chambers <b>Enquiries? Cat Thomas 0418 655474</b>
Saturday 28th March 10am—noon 	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Featuring Bee-Keeping with Andrew Janiak &amp; it's FREE!</b>	at 94 Old Highlands Rd <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b>
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?? <b>Term 1 dates for 2020 - Feb. 26th, March 11th &amp; 25th and April 8th.</b>	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 on 57953349 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 CLASSES - Free!</b> Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	at Euroa Uniting Church Hall <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>

**WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??**



**It only comes around once every 4 years, so don't miss out!!**

No, it's not the Olympics, it's that calendar balancing extra day - **February 29th!**

As the Christmas parties seem so long ago—it's time to socialise!

Come along to the **Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy** for a community catch-up.

Celebrate the end of the summer and the Leap Year with friends and family!

BYO Food & Drink. BBQ facilities, playground, condiments and fresh bread provided.

**From 6.00pm on Saturday 29th February.**

Gold coin donation appreciated.

Contact **Melissa 0404 833388** for more information.

And a Happy Birthday to Jacqui Hagen too! - Ed.



**FOR SALE**

**2008 Toyota Landcruiser 4WD Slip-on for sale by tender**

Terip Terip Fire Brigade is offering its Toyota Landcruiser slip-on for sale by tender closing **Monday March 23, 2020 at 5pm.**

This vehicle cannot be purchased by another brigade as part of the VESEP funding for its replacement.

It has been serviced by the CFA district mechanical service since purchase and is in excellent condition with approximately 27,000 kilometres. New batteries fitted May 2019.

**Description.**

Toyota Landcruiser Workmate single cab 4.5 litre turbocharged V8 diesel engine 16 x 7 wheels with BFG mud terrain tyres. Aluminium tray with sides.

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**Vehicle is available for inspection.**

**Enquiries to Geoff Penny (Captain) email [gwjmpenny@gmail.com](mailto:gwjmpenny@gmail.com) or 0428 324 431**

For tender submissions, ATT: Leanne Rodwell, email [d12tenders@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:d12tenders@cfa.vic.gov.au) on a prescribed tender form from [teripteriprfb@gmail.com](mailto:teripteriprfb@gmail.com)



**PLATYPUS & RAKALI COUNT**

**Friday 6 March 2020**

Cummins Reserve Carpark, Yea Wetlands  
Gordon Valley Highway

**NEW DATE**



Join us in the Yea Wetlands for  
an hour of quiet observation

7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

7:30–8:30 pm Fauna Count

FREE

**RSVP ASAP to be a part of this special night - 57972663**

**Fire awareness for all ....**

**Weekend project #4** - Repair or replace weathered timber decking. Just as embers land in cracks in doors and windows frames, the same can also happen to weathered timber decking. Most decks are right next to the house and if they go up then the fire easily spreads to the home.



\* Reprinted from The Conversation, by Douglas Brown, Western Sydney Uni.



## Letter to the Editor

Last weekend Sue and I, together with several thousand people, attended the **Climate Emergency Summit** held in the Melbourne Town Hall; the summit was a sell out with a large number of people unable to attend.

The focus of the summit was in recognition of the reality that, ***'The world is standing at the edge of major ecological and humanitarian tipping points, and time has run out for half measures. In recognition that climate change now constitutes a global emergency is spreading rapidly around the world. The growth of the international movement to formally declare a climate emergency represents one of the most significant series of events for climate action in decades. Millions of citizens are now ready to mobilise and are urging their governments to recognise the full level of threat and to work toward achieving a safe climate at emergency speed.'***

### The Summit

Brought together practitioners, advocates, governments, youth leaders, and industry innovators from across Australia to explore what a climate emergency transition could look like at local, national, and global levels.

Presented a series of workshops, panel discussions, and debates that tackled critical issues spanning the political, economic, technical, and social change dimensions of initiating and carrying out a full-scale response to the climate emergency.

Addressed the pressing need to consolidate co-ordinated and co-operative approaches to form sound and effective responses – inviting communities, practitioners, businesses to challenge and assist governments to respond to the emergency at hand.

Released a declaration with Signatories to the declaration including Ian Dunlop, Carmen Lawrence, John Hewson, Tim Costello and Kerry Phelps.

The declaration called on governments to commit to rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero, to drawing down carbon concentrations already in the atmosphere, and to integrating adaptation and resilience measures into restructured national and global economies.

### Some of the key statements taken from the declaration include -

The climate is already dangerous – in Australia and the Antarctic, in Asia and the Pacific – right around the world. The Earth is unacceptably too hot now.

Political leaders were especially culpable, guilty of short-term political expediency, which had left Australians acutely exposed to the impacts of climate change.

Even the Paris agreement emissions reduction targets would put the world on a path to 3.5C warming by 2100, and 4C to 5C warming when long-term climate-system feedbacks were factored in.

If the climate warms 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels, the Great Barrier Reef will likely be lost, sea levels could rise metres and massive global carbon stores such as the Amazon and Greenland, will hit tipping points, releasing millions of tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere.

It is in Australia's self-interest to demand greater global action on climate change, and a continued reliance on fossil fuel resources is unsustainable, both economically and environmentally.

Australia was the world's fourth largest carbon polluter, exports included, and one of the countries most exposed to climate change.

It makes no sense to build our economy on fossil fuel resources, practices and technologies which are unsustainable, particularly when Australia has some of the best clean energy resources and opportunities in the world.

Neil van Buuren



EUROA ARBORETUM  
"...growing back the bush"

Just a reminder that the **Euroa Arboretum plant Nursery is still closed until 1st March** but there is a heap of work going on behind the scenes to prepare for the 2020 planting season. So much volunteer and staff time goes into growing to order and they do a brilliant job. The updated plant order form is this week's **Website of the Week** and shows which plants are 'sold out'. If you have a large scale order to place, it's time to get these in.

**Contact Carolena on 0429 127339**



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## Film Night at Highlands Hall

Come along to watch an 'entertaining and uplifting' film - **2040 Join the Regeneration**, directed by Damon Gameau. **Friday 20th March @ 7pm at the Highlands Hall.**

This film has been supported by DELWP to be enjoyed by the community free of charge.

Supper of tea/coffee and delicious cake will be available at \$5 per head. Please RSVP ASAP to Judy [jcameron029@gmail.com](mailto:jcameron029@gmail.com) or 57969247 for catering purposes.

**LOST...3 Angus vealers** (approx. 10mths old) on **Springs Rd.** Last seen in the vicinity of Hughes Creek. Owner is keen to retrieve them. Please contact

**Bernie on 0427 904256** if you have seen them.



## March 28th Black Market - Bee-Keeping :-)

A few people have expressed interest in learning more about bee-keeping.

Brian Bowring, who ran the pruning / grafting / espalier demonstration, has offered to come to the March Black Market with his "bee mentor", Andrew Janiak, to run a free 2 hour information and session for us. There will be honey to buy and they will be able to tell you more about courses that are available if you would like to take it further. For more information about the permaculture/apiculture group that Andrew belongs to and writes for ... <http://www.naturalbeekeeping.org.au>

Please reply or give me a call on 0428969366 by the 29th of February if this is of interest, so I can give Brian and Andrew an idea of numbers and for me to cater for morning tea.



Regards  
Clare (and Vitto) 0428969366

## Pioneer Grave Restorations

### Gobur Cemetery

BYO  
DRINKS

## Casserole Dinner

GREAT  
CAUSE

**Saturday, 14 March 2020**

**Ruffy Hall 6 pm**

Under 12 Free!

It's On Again!

\$25.00 pp

Geoff Penny  
57904282  
M. IRE CUMING  
57734237

**HCCC from p.1 ...**an evaluation made as to how this demonstration can be of benefit to other properties in the HCCC district. So stay tuned...

**Gliders, gliders and more gliders** - sugar, squirrel, feather-tail, greater and all their gliding relatives. Do you have any of these delightful creatures living on your land? If so then Janet Hagen would be interested in hearing from you [hughescreek2@gmail.com](mailto:hughescreek2@gmail.com) An article about these quiet little insect and sap eaters will be coming shortly.

**Next HCCC Meeting will be Friday 27th March @ 7:30pm @ Highlands Hall - everyone is welcome.**



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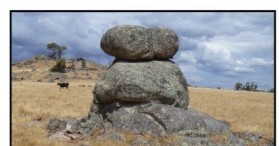
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