



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Another month has just clocked on and officially we are in autumn or, if you are Welsh, quite possibly celebrating St David's Day on March 1st. Fortunately, February yielded quite a bit of rain in our local area and was free of any Total Fire Ban days, which is most unusual, but after the blast-furnace start to summer, it was also a welcome change.

However, it doesn't seem to matter what the season is there is always lots going on to entertain, educate or inform and this month's list of events is no exception. Why not check it out, see what appeals and put the date in, or on, your diary, phone, or wall calendar? Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** Was hanging out at Kelly's Hut with the sheep and cockatoos!



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"As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters."

Seneca (04BC - 65AD)
Roman philosopher & statesman

Cricket Match of the Year, and it's not the Ashes either

The Wilderness (combined local sporting identities)

.v. Richmond Union Over 60s.

Advertised as the game to end all games in The Granite News, sounds a bit ominous when your opposition is all over 60!

The Richmond Union over 60s was started over 5 years ago and plays in a weekly comp with 22 other sides from around Melbourne and Victoria. They have the motto **"Wear out not Rust out"** and play for the love of the game.

The Wilderness side having lived up to its name, having disappeared into the scrub these last few years, will be drawn from -

Greg Pritchard Tom McCooey, Doug Phillips, Doug Mclean, Neil van Buren, Don Cook, Jim McCooey, Warwick Carter, Cam Stewart, Marcus Hill, Hamish MacAlpin?, Magins, Brent Kelly, Andrew Shaw. (Or maybe not as selection is a moveable feast)

Ruffy Recreation Reserve

On Saturday 7th March 2020 10.30 am for a 11.00 start

40 over game of 2 * 20 over innings.

Lunch provided. BYO refreshments BBQ following.

RSVP for catering 0427969259 please.

Authors note:

My first encounter with an over 60s team was at Strath Creek, opening the batting as a 45 year old. I was quite confident as the first ball came in, a slow rank full toss to be dispatched over the fence for 6... however it ducked alarmingly at the last second bit, turned and I got enough on it for the 70 year old keeper to take a regulation catch!

Wilderness you have been

Warned!

Scott McKay



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.



Ring 0408 246308 for more info.

Website of the Week

<http://www.recycling.vic.gov.au>

Totally confused about what goes where in a multitude of coloured bins? Well wonder no more, this website sets it all out perfectly.

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — March

Friday 6th March 7 - 8.30pm	PLATYPUS & RAKALI COUNT Join in the annual count of these unique Australian creatures. See p.3 for more details	NB New Date!	at Yea Wetlands
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 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	
Saturday 7th March 10.30 for 11am start	WILDERNESS .v. RICHMOND UNION over 60s Cricket Match It's BACK!! The cricket game to end all cricket games is on again, be there! See p.1 for all the details.		at Ruffy Rec Reserve
Monday 9th March @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB 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.		Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Friday 13th March @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK 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	STRATHBOGIE RANGES RIPARIAN Walk #3.4 Another excellent walk discovering our local waterways. Details still to come but save the date.		starting location TBC
Saturday 14th March @ 6pm	CASSEROLE DINNER Fundraising for Gobur Grave Restorations Come along and support this great cause. \$25 per head with kids under 12 Free! BYO Drinks.		at Ruffy Hall Enquiries? Geoff 57904282 or Millie 57734287
Friday 20th March @ 7pm	A FILM NIGHT to remember - 2040 An entertaining & uplifting film directed by Damon Gameau, see p.4 for more!		at Highlands Community Hall
Friday 27th March @ 7.30pm	HCCC MONTHLY MEETING Everyone is welcome to come along to the next HCCC meeting.		at Highlands Community Hall Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268
Saturday 28th March 9am - 2pm	LEARNING with LANDCARE Morning tea & lunch provided, see p. 5 for further details.		at Yea Council Chambers Enquiries? Cat Thomas 0418 655474
Saturday 28th March 10am—noon	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Featuring Bee-Keeping with Brian Bowring and Andrew Janiak & it's FREE!		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?? Term 1 dates for 2020 - March 11th & 25th and April 8th.		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 on 57953349 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com		at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! 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 Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

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

Things are different at the Ruffy Store

Firstly, **Fridays are back** - 6 March 6pm - Beef + BBQ - \$28pp
BYO wine \$10 corkage - Vegetarian options (let us know)
Great time for a general catch up with the neighbours.

Music - Hairy Lassos – Sunday 8 March 4pm – Free event
No BYO. \$20 picnic boxes.

Long Table Lunch under the oaks - Sunday 22 March \$55

Need to Book: 5790 4387 **Helen** 0429 904 209

No longer a café/restaurant Ruffy Store is available for your private functions; music, birthdays, small weddings, special occasions, meetings and gatherings.

Our monthly functions will include First Friday BBQ, Saturday cooking classes with guest chefs, demonstrations and tastings. Sunday, long table lunches, Bookings essential.

Calendar of events coming soon.

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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Aluminium rear tray toolbox for chainsaw tools etc. (See photo below)

Vehicle is available for inspection.

Enquiries to Geoff Penny (Captain) email
gwjmpenny@gmail.com or 0428 324 431

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



PLATYPUS & RAKALI COUNT

Friday 6 March 2020

Cummins Reserve Carpark, Yea Wetlands
Gordon Valley Highway



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 #5 - Have a one to two metre non-flammable area immediately around your house.

Think of it as an additional protective defence area. You could use gravel, paving tiles, bricks, concrete or ground rock such as scoria.



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



2040 - Join the Regeneration.... a film by Damon Gameau



Director's Statement

'2040' is a letter to my 4 year old daughter showing an alternative future to the doom and gloom version we are currently presented with. But there is a catch. This is not an exercise in bad parenting - everything I show her in 2040 must already exist today in some form. It cannot be made up. This film is not a Utopian fantasy; it's an exercise in what I call 'fact-based dreaming'.

It was important to ensure that what I present isn't just my version of the future, so almost 100 children around the world between the ages of 6 and 11 were consulted on camera and asked what they would like to see in 2040. The authenticity of their answers is as inspiring as it is concerning.

In addition, we consulted experts around the world across areas as diverse as farming, aquaculture, civic design, transport, education and more. What started out as a film about reversing global warming & lowering emissions quickly became a story about strengthening communities, improving the quality of food and soil, embracing cheaper and cleaner energy and transport, plus restoring habitats and eco systems. By doing these things, we will naturally heal the environment round us.

The scientific revolution gave us many wonderful things, but it also taught us that our role is to conquer nature, to control and dominate it for our means. Filming 2040 has taught me that if we are to survive, we must reclaim the metaphors of our distant ancestors who saw themselves as 'reverent guests' or 'custodians of the land'. The children's voices in the film remind us that we are born with an innate care for our surroundings and that our current culture slowly erodes it.

I hope that this film can contribute to the telling of a new but old story, reframing the narrative about our possible future. A story of how we reversed global warming and improved the lives of every living thing in the process.

Damon Gameau

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.** As it has a **G** rating bring along the whole family!

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 57969247** or jcameron029@gmail.com for catering purposes.



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Ruffy Public Hall

Notice is given of a

PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at the Ruffy Public Hall on

Monday 16th March commencing at 8pm

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc. for a term of three years. **The current committee's term will expire on 22nd of April 2020.** All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary Sharron Batt on 5790 4329.

Property Planning for New and Small Landholders

Our regional countryside is seeing more people settling here, chasing the good life. The fresh country air, growing your own vegies, raising some animals, a chance to slow down and enjoy the change of pace.

It is not all smooth sailing as new and small landholders are faced with the daunting task of planning their properties to face ever changing challenges in the warming climate, along with a myriad of other concerns, legal, environmental and economical to name just a few.



It's not easy navigating each of these areas on your own. Upper Goulburn Landcare Network's **"Learning with Landcare: new and small landholders" workshop** aims to equip community members with the information and support from local people that can help with your questions. We invite you to join us on **Saturday 28th March, from 9am -2pm at the Yea Council Chambers.** Topics include protecting soils and native vegetation, regenerative agriculture, weed control, waterways and water resources.

A team of local experts will provide information, answer questions and be available for a 15 minute property planning session with an aerial photo of your property included. Speakers include - **Cath Olive**, UGLN Landcare Facilitator, **Pat McVeigh**, local land manager and agronomist, **Kerri Robson**, Gecko Clan Landcare Facilitator, will share her knowledge of effective water management and **Sue McNair**, Murrindindi Shire Council Environment Officer, will help community members understand their responsibilities with weed issues across the region.

Please contact Cat Thomas for more information, 0418 655474 or uglandcare@ugln.net

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.



Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group – Expressions of Interest

An opportunity has become available for two community representatives to fill the vacant community positions currently available on the Strathbogie Shire Council - Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group (TACAG).

This group was formed in August 2017 to support Council in their commitment to public participation, and utilizing the general community to assist in the achievement of future Council Plans and strategies that govern the future of the Shire, and were instrumental in the development of the 2019-2023 Arts & Culture Strategy.

The roles and objectives of the TACAG are:

- To provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the development and implementation of the Arts and Culture Strategy.
- Act as advocates and champions for Tourism, Arts and Culture programs and projects within the Shire that are of community benefit.
- Provide a forum for discussion of Tourism, Arts and Culture industry trends and best practice in the Local Government sector.
- Assist Council to work strategically to encourage, foster, value and promote Tourism, Arts and Culture.

The TACAG is made up of Councillors, Council Officers, business and community representatives. The group currently meets once a month for one hour at various locations throughout the Shire (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you have an interest in joining the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and feel like you have the appropriate skills and knowledge to assist in achieving the objectives of the TACAG, contact us via email at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au, including a brief description of your experience and reasons for wanting to join.

Should you require any further information, please phone on (03) 5795 0000 – submissions close 31 March, 2020 @ 5pm.

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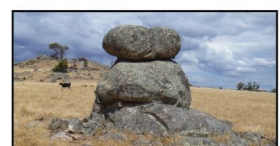
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