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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

This week's TGN is so chocker-block with news, not to mention a riveting cricket report from Scott McKay, that there's not much space left for the Editor's wee blurb, so why not read on. Until next week, **Pauline**

And Kenny? Was checking out the equipment on the Terip CFA slip-on!

The Corona Cup

The Wilderness V Richmond Union Over 60's

The Wilderness was confident of taking home the Corona Cup, mainly because all the Richmond players (average age 67) were in the high-risk category and would probably be in quarantine.

The Wilderness (average age about 50) boasting a team of 3 McAlpins, Marcus Hill and 2 McCooeys, quickly had Richmond effectively 3-55 after Cam Stewart bowled Kevin Andersen (3), Marcus Hill got Terry Martin (8) and Andy Hansen retired hurt with a list of life-threatening injuries. However, some big hitting by Scott Longley (27no), Kim Bohem (32) and Shane Way (34no) saw Richmond to 130 at the end of their first innings

The Wilderness started strongly until Greg Pritchard's playboy lifestyle found him stumped for 7. Don Cook (14), Marcus Hill (32no again), Tom McCooey flying at 15 when he was caught one handed, going backwards, on the



boundary by that 60 year old Harry Sleigh and a superb captain's knock of 36 not out by Hamish McAlpin left them only 10 runs shy of Richmond at the Lunch break.

After an exceptionally healthy lunch provided by the Catering Corp underlings of Susie Sleigh and Melissa McDowell under the watchful eye of Helen Waterworth -the Tigers Tail wagged. Alan Jarrott chirped his way to 34, while the Late Harry Sleigh (25) (who played for Richmond because he was cut from the wilderness side due to late arrival-bad move in hindsight), new captain Scott McKay's quick fire 25 was completely eclipsed by the recently deposed captain Eane (Buffalo Bill) Witton 36 including 15 off his last over. The Richmond innings was rounded out by mid-season draft pick up Doug McLean with a face saving 2 before being caught superbly by Warwick Carter at Point.

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Hughes Creek
Catchment
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"When I hear someone say that life is hard, I'm always tempted to say, compared to what?"

Sydney J. Harris (1917-1980)

American Journalist

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**

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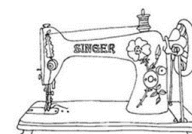
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Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — March & April

Monday 16th March @ 8	RUFFY PUBLIC HALL—Committee of Management elections	See p.5 for details
Friday 20th March @ 7pm	A FILM NIGHT to remember - 2040 An entertaining & uplifting film directed by Dan ... for more!	at Highlands Community Hall
Saturday 21st March @ 6.30pm	TERIP STAR GAZING—Family Come along and enjoy gazing at infinity ... reality. See p.4 for further information.	at Terip Recreation Reserve
Sunday 22nd March 11-3	FREE FAMILY FUN DAY - Euroa Urban Fire Brigade CFA Displays, information, jumping castle & more! For catering purposes please RSVP 0413 984858	at Lions Park Euroa, opp Fire Shed
Thursday 26th March @ 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
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 previous TGNs for more 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. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366 Featuring Bee-Keeping with Brian Bowring and Andrew Janiak & it's FREE!	at 94 Old Highlands Rd
Friday 3rd April @ 7.30pm	WASPS of the Upper Goulburn Yea River Catchment Landcare Group presents an interesting talk by Ron Litjens. See p.4 for more info.	at Yea Butter Factory
Saturday 4th April @ 1.30pm	MEMORIAL GATHERING for Stan & Dawn Artridge Phone 03 57904205 for more details.	at Ruffy
Friday 10th April @ 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
Friday 17th April @ 6.30pm	HIGHLANDS HALL BLUES NIGHT Come along for an excellent evening of jazz and song ... Enquiries? Judy 57969247	at Highlands Community Hall
Monday 20th April @ 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	
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 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!! See p. 3 for more details.	at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

Sadly BOTH these events have been postponed

Postponed

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



SOLAR SYSTEM GIVEAWAY

You may remember the launch of Council's 'Dindi Bulk Buy Program' back in April 2018.

Since then, 65 solar systems – totalling a whopping 318kW of solar capacity – have been installed on the rooftops of homes and businesses across Murrindindi Shire.

Thanks to the success of the program, Council together with Yarra Energy Foundation and Eko Energy, will donate a 5kW solar system to one lucky community group.

For more information, including how to apply, go to www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants

Applications close 31 March 2020.



END OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND AMNESTY BURN PERIOD

The CFA officially declared an end to the fire danger period on **Monday 16 March**. From this time, residents in farming areas can burn off vegetation material without a permit. Residents in township zones and built up areas can burn-off vegetation material without a permit from **Monday 16 March 2020 to Monday 4 May 2020**.

Residents can also deposit green waste free of charge and all year round at any of Council's Resource Recovery Centres.

There are a number of conditions that still apply. **Before burning off, please register your burn by calling 1800 668 511.**

For more information about burning off and the amnesty period, please visit our website and search 'amnesty', or give us a call.

Swing Dance classes in Euroa

Here's a great opportunity to have some fun with friends, and a chance to learn a dance that's really popular with young people all across the world

Swing is a group of street dances that emerged in New York in the 1920's & 30's. During those tough times of the depression and war years, people just invented their own dance moves to have some fun. And it sure is fun!!

If you enjoy the jazzy Big-Band music of Glenn miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie etc, this class is for you!!

Take the next step and try it out. **The 1st class is free!** We begin by just moving around to the music, and in the process you'll be learning the basic steps!!

You'll be dancing before you know it....

When: Thurs 7.30 - 9 pm **Where:** Euroa **Enquiries:** Ray Thomas
March 12th for 6 weeks **Uniting Church Hall** 0467 951 559



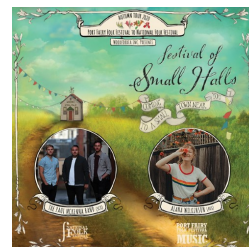
Festival of Small Halls @ Merton

We're excited to be staging our second **Festival of Small Halls Concert on Thursday 26th March** this year. After the amazing success of last year's event we're thrilled to be on the concert tour again this year.

A Scottish group the Paul McKenna Band will be on stage with Melbourne's own Alana, with a format similar to last year with food and drinks on sale before the show from 5:30pm. **Tickets are available for sale online at**

<https://smallhalls.iwannaticket.com.au/event/festival-of-small-halls-autumn-tour-2020-port-fairy-to-the-national-MTk5NjM>

at the **Merton General Store** or from **Marg Sayers 0409 955 809** As last year was a sell-out book early to ensure your seat and avoid disappointment.



The Value of Trees

Sunday , 22nd March, 3pm, at Fawcett Hall - Spring Creek Rd Afternoon Tea provided.

RSVP: email: allison.spratt@bigpond.com or phone Don Deelen: 0408 395 163

Speakers are Ken Deacon from the **Rubicon Forest Protection Group** & **John Woodley** from **Farm Forestry Services** who will inspire you to plant trees for profit & pleasure.



Fire awareness for all

Six easy afternoon projects #6 - Replace natural coil doormats with synthetic. While they appear harmless, natural organic doormats can cause a fire to grow if they ignite. Due to their density they burn for a long time, and can spread flames to timber door frames. A synthetic mat will only flare up for a short time.



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



Continued from p.1 **The Corona Cup**

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Wilderness chase started well with Doug Phillips making a stylish 9 and Cam Stewart was flying when caught by Shane for 26. Brent Kelly made his best score in 3 years (he hasn't played for 3 years) of 27. Jim McCooey also making his equal top score of 1. Warwick Carter gave hope and his hamstring before he had to retire on 18. This left 50 to get by the Max McAlpin 11 and Louie McAlpin 9, (that's their ages not their score) – They made 25 off the last 5 overs against some hostile bodyline chin music from Scott Longley and incessant sledging by Alan Jarrott leaving Richmond to collect the Corona Cup by 25 runs.

Best Players were Hamish McAlpin and should have been Eane Whitton but Alan Jarrott talked his way into being awarded the prized toilet roll.

Thanks to Helen, Melissa and Susie who served up an exceptional supper with support from Slugger on the BBQ.

Special thanks to the scorers Dee and Eileen, who left a legible record & to Duncan Ferguson, who umpired all 80 overs without controversy - that he noticed. Another great day at the Ruffy Rec that had Mick Hill talking of coming out of retirement to play not for the "Corona Cup" but the "Packer Wacker Plate"!

by **Scott McKay**

Postponed till spring

Terip Star-Gazing Night

Saturday 21st March with local Astrophotographer

Also join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Terip's community built Recreation Centre & completion of the latest renovations.

Invite your friends & neighbours back to Terip for a night of celebration & fun. Bring a salad or sweet to share, the night will kick off at 6.30pm.

\$20 per person or \$50 per family.

RSVPs by 16th March to Jenny 57904095 or facebook/teripteripcommunity



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SEYMOUR WORKING SHEEPDOG TRIALS

**27-30 March 2020 at Kings Park,
Seymour (free entry) Commencing 8 am daily**

Catering available daily in Ken Hall Pavilion
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Lunch 12-2 pm Morning tea 9:30 – 11:30

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Due to concerns with the spread of Covid-19 this film & discussion night has been postponed—stay tuned for a new date.



Yea River Catchment Landcare Group presents
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Wasps
of the Upper Goulburn
(I have seen)

by **Ron Litjens**

7:30pm Friday 3 April 2020

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13 Rattray Street, Yea**

**Adults \$10 Kids FREE
Light supper provided**

RSVP Judy e: juncball@bigpond.com
m: 0448 972 563



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.

Lower than a Snake's armpit!

Riding for Disabled Seymour has been operating for 40 years but recently 9 children's helmets, some halters and lunging equipment stolen were from our shed in Kings Park. We cannot provide lessons without the special small sized helmets for our young participants. Volunteers have arrived to find the sheds and paddocks unlocked and left open. This has been reported to the police. The locks are in the process of being changed.

We are asking the Community to please let us know if they see any suspicious activity in our area behind the cutting yard, next to the dog walking park.

We need to raise funds to replace the stolen equipment, helmets which comply with the current Australian Safety Standards are approximately \$80-\$90 each. We welcome any donations from the community to help us pay for new helmets.

How can you help? Donations of \$90 will cover the cost of 1 child's helmet. Sponsor a rider, \$155 covers the cost of insurance, \$50 will cover the cost for a term of lessons (\$10 a lesson). Sponsor a horse for \$250 a year, we need to pay farrier costs, teeth and vet bills. We cannot run our program without our special horses.



Feel like some exercise? Would you like horse manure to compost for your garden? Come along and bag up some manure (bags supplied)!

Like to find out more about RDA? Ring Sally Wilson 0412 075774

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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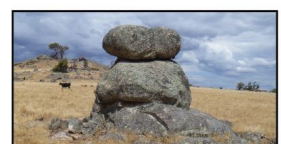
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