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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Who ever said that opposites attract nailed it perfectly. Peter and I are an excellent example of this and have been for over 3 decades. To whit - Peter grew up west of the Yarra and, as a result follows Footscray (he rejects the more recent moniker of the Western Bulldogs) in the AFL, whereas I grew up east of the Yarra and followed my older brother's lead by supporting Hawthorn. Need I say any more?

Well just one thing, I was quite relieved that the Doggies managed to beat the Mighty Hawks in the preliminary final of 2016, which meant that both our teams didn't meet in that historic Grand Final. Because it would have been quite difficult cheering on my own team whilst hoping, like every other supporter except perhaps a Sydney Swans' one as it eventuated, that the Bulldogs might actually be Cinderellas in disguise. And they were.

Fairy tales aside, I have been saving these 3 little DVD gems up for a series of wet, windy and wintry nights, and I have decided, under the current circumstances, not to wait for that www combo but to indulge myself...now! Hopefully Peter will enjoy watching them too. :-)  
Until next issue, **Pauline And Kenny?** Continues to self-isolate, he'll be back again soon....



## HCCC News

### Easter is a new beginning...

Looking for an Easter Activity to entertain the family while staying at home? Save the Planet and get some exercise while self-isolating.

We've all got time now to get out into the paddocks and plant some trees. Especially since this lovely rain.

HCCC Landcare is offering 50 free plants to the first 50 people who contact **Janet Hagen 0458903268 [hughescreek2@gmail.com](mailto:hughescreek2@gmail.com)**. These trees come with tree guards and stakes. **All you need to do is send us a photo of you planting them.** We have a selection of trees and shrubs suitable for planting in the Strathbogie Ranges on offer. Plants delivered to your gate or picked up from Tablelands Community Centre. No direct human contract involved.  
(NB: this deal only applies to those living in the Hughes Creek Catchment, Longwood East Landcare Group or Creightons Creek Catchment)

- Plant a wind break for stock shelter
- Add understorey around existing paddock trees.
- Replace old paddock trees.
- Create Wildlife habitat.
- Build a corridor to connect remnant patches.



This initiative has been funded by the Bogies & Beyond project through GBCMA  
Plants lovingly grown by Euroa Arboretum.



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**"If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need."**

**Cicero (106BC - 43BC)  
Roman Statesman & Philosopher**

**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!

**You know if you keep  
a glass of wine in  
each hand you can't  
accidentally touch  
your face**

## Coronavirus 24hr Hotline

**1800 020 080**

## Website of the Week

In the current climate the MSO - Melbourne Symphony Orchestra has cancelled all upcoming concerts, but you can enjoy past performances by accessing them at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) type in MSO

## Community Notices & Classifieds

### CALENDAR of EVENTS — April

 <b>Friday 10th April</b> <b>@ 6.30pm</b>	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> Starts at 6.30pm bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. <div style="background-color: green; color: black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"><b>Cancelled</b></div>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
<b>Friday 10th April -</b> <b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>EASTER - Celebrate at home with your immediate, at home, family</b> 2021 will be the time to celebrate further afield, in the overall scheme of things it's not that long to wait. 	
<b>Friday 17th April</b> <b>@ 6.30pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS HALL BLUES NIGHT</b> Come along for an excellent evening of music and support the hall. <b>Enquiries? Judy 57969247</b> <div style="background-color: pink; color: black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"><b>Postponed</b></div>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
 <b>Monday 20th April</b> <b>@ 11am</b>	<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 a great tea & coffee will be provided. <b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b> <div style="background-color: pink; color: black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"><b>Postponed until further notice</b></div>	
<b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<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>Please note the Mobile Library Service is temporarily suspended until further notice!!</b>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>QIGONG AT RUFFY</b> Vivien Watmough looks for 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> <div style="background-color: pink; color: black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"><b>Postponed until further notice</b></div>	<b>at Highlands Community Centre Ruffy</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b> <b>@ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</b>	<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!!	<b>at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</b> <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>

### We're all in this together

#### Information on Emergency Relief Packages for Victorians

Emergency relief packages are available to support people who:

Are in mandatory self-isolation (because they have COVID-19, are suspected of having COVID-19 or have come into close contact with people who have COVID-19 or have recently travelled overseas) AND

Who have little or no food, AND

Have no network of family and friends to support them.

Each eligible household will receive a two-week supply of essential goods.

Food packages will include items such as long-life milk, pasta, cereal, canned vegetables and sugar. Personal care packages will also be distributed to eligible households and include soap, toothpaste and deodorant.

Additional items may also be provided depending on the needs of the household, such as nappies or baby formula.

For more information about the support services people can call the coronavirus hotline on **1800 675 398** or visit the website:

[dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).



### AMNESTY BURN PERIOD

Since the CFA declared an end to the fire danger period, an amnesty burn period has been in place and will remain in place until

**Monday 4 May 2020.**

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 until **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.

### Where have all the old girls gone?

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this bloody virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!

**Sent to the Editor by an 81 year old lady**

### A Different View

At present in Victoria we are at Stage 3 of self-isolating with only 4 valid reasons to venture out of our homes.

As of March 25th New Zealand has been put into Lockdown for 4 weeks for the entire country. Earth Sea & Sky is a New Zealand company that is very environmentally and ethically aware and sells outdoor clothing and equipment. They also employ former refugees to work in their clothing industry.

Last week this story appeared in one of their emails.

Our team of machinists completed garments needed by three Rescue Helicopter teams in record time to get them despatched before the lockdown last week. We are now checking in with our factory teams remotely. Manahel, who escaped Syria with her three children five years ago, emailed a perspective we would like to share....

***We are all good thank-you.....that this is a difficult and nervous time for everyone, I understand very well. Here in New Zealand we are so lucky because the government is working so hard to keep everyone safe. We should be very grateful and help and support each other by following the rules, and be patient... for me there is no comparing between this situation and the siege in the war. We were without all things we needed to live ..food, medicine... even when we stayed at home it was not safe, and no one cared and the hard thing was we could not do anything to change it.***

Manahel



Which puts our current Stage 3 inconvenience into perspective.

### More Sanity Saver Suggestions

How do you keep a sense of normality when all around us is not normal? Here are a few suggestions -

- \* Shop on-line, for clothing in particular! Now is the time to get incredibly cheap fashion mailed to you with free postage over a certain amount of payment, varies for each supplier
- \* Sort and label all those photos, both hard-copy and digital and why not digitise the hard copies while you're at it?
- \* For anyone who was intending to visit the Australasian Quilt Convention, now not happening, check out this website [www.craftalive.com.au/exhibitors](http://www.craftalive.com.au/exhibitors) Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 from 9.30-4. It's a virtual experience with shopping available!



# **RUFFY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

## **Royal Children's Hospital FUNDRAISING AUCTIONS**

**The 2020 Good Friday Ruffy CFA Seafood Lunch is cancelled !**

**We are not even permitted to 'door-knock' or 'tin rattle'  
to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.**

**BUT, we have a target to beat !**

**So, we are auctioning a tandem-trailer load of split firewood  
each month for April, May, June & July.**

**Bidding opens 1st day of each month & closes midnight last day of month**

**You can place your bids by phone, SMS message, email or in person to**

**Ruffy Rural Fire Brigade Treasurer—Don Cook**

**Mobile: 0408 929 818—Email: mavdon50@gmail.com**

**Progressive Auction totals will be notified to current bidders,  
posted on the Ruffy Facebook page and at the Ruffy fire-shed  
Or just call Cookie for a bidding update!**

**ALL funds raised from these Auctions will go to the  
Royal Children's Hospital  
Good Friday Appeal**

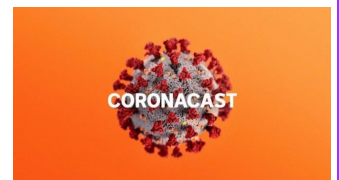


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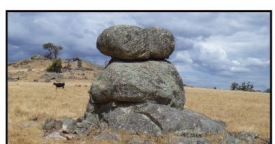
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