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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Another busy week ahead with lots of activities happening in and around the HCCC area. Also attached to this TGN is an important letter that the HCCC has sent to local MPs, the Victorian Premier & the Victorian Fisheries Authority re: Access to Victoria's rivers & creeks for recreational purposes. It's an interesting read. Until the next issue of TGN stay safe, **Pauline** And Kenny... was inspecting the spit roast for the Tablelands Fun Day.

HCCC News

Rekindle! Reunite! Reconnect! Our Community

The rescheduled HCCC lunch is happening...on

March 27th 2021 - 12 noon onwards

****Free Lunch** (All food & drink supplied!)**

Meet your neighbours & Landcare Members all family members are welcome!

Venue - Ruffy Hall

RSVPs are ESSENTIAL - contact Justus 0427 524473 or email jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au NOW!



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"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

Albert Einstein (1879—1955)

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

Fencing: the perfect COVID-19 Sport

1. Masks
2. Gloves
3. If anybody gets closer than 6 feet to you, you stab them.

Introducing the new HCCC Executive Committee in 2021

Back Row - L to R

Vice-President - Shannon Roach

Facilitator - Janet Hagen

Facilitator - Neil van Buuren

President - Jenny Webb

Front Row - L to R

Treasurer - Neville Ford

Secretary - Justus Hagen

The Committee is looking forward to a productive year.



HCCC Membership

Don't forget that membership of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is ongoing and free! Just email editor@tgn.org.au to join.

Post Covid - Post Carbon

1937 - World population 2.3 billion
Carbon in atmosphere: 280 parts per million



Remaining wilderness: 66 per cent
Source: A Life on our Planet - Sir David Attenborough

HCCC Membership so far
164 ... and counting

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

WHAT'S ON — March & April

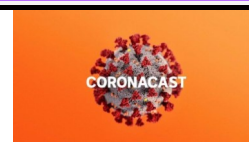
Wednesday 24th March  10am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre Come & enjoy a cuppa, (try a cappuccino from our new coffee machine), swap any books, home grown produce etc with other members & enjoy meeting others. Gold coin, bring a share plate (optional)
Thursday 25th March @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
Friday 26th March @ 6 - 8pm 	WATER—OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE at Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood St, Yea As part of the 2021 Speaker Series the YWDC is delighted to welcome Maryann Slattery and Bill Johnson as keynote speakers to discuss water management and local outcomes within a Murray-Darling Basin-wide perspective. Bookings are essential www.trybooking.com/BOVLG and a \$5 donation at the door includes a light supper. Enquiries? 5797 3394
Friday 26th March @ 7.30	TERIP TERIP RFB BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING at Terip Recreation Ground
Saturday 27th March 7.30 - 9pm	BEAM FILM NIGHT - The FOREST DEFENDERS at Tallarook Hall The Forest Defenders are people who care deeply about the Takayna/Tarkine Forest in north western Tasmania. They have taken a stand to preserve the forest that they love. See last week's TGN for details.
Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands 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.
Saturday 3rd April (Easter Saturday) 2pm start	THE TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY at Tablelands Community Centre 2pm start BBQ 5:30 BYO nibbles, drinks and salad. Lots of activities for all. Please advise if you're coming for COVID and catering purposes. Email: tccruffy@gmail.com or call 0427 960 970
Friday 9th April @ 6.30pm 	DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall 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.
Sunday 11th April @ 3pm	OFFICIAL OPENING OF DENNIS SPITERI'S 2021 EXHIBITION at Hillcrest Studio Dennis's annual exhibition of his paintings will be open daily 10-4 from 11/4 to 9/5. Enquiries? 57969373
Monday 12th April @ 11am 	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2021 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
Thursday 15th April @ 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Terip Rec Reserve The next meeting will be held in terrific Terip. All welcome. Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be at Highlands on these dates— March 24th & April 14th & 28th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	QIGONG AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call 0427 55349 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Swing dances featuring the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

Postponed until further notice

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TERIP is getting back to normal - YAY!

Our community events have sadly been in recess for the last 12 months. However, the committee is **EXCITED** to be back organising opportunities for everyone to come together again and finally get to utilise the new bi-fold doors which are a great enhancement.

For starters, a few events, aptly described as "**Terip Autumn Fling**" have been planned for March and April. Please note these dates:

Wednesday 24th March: Morning Tea 10:00am.

Wednesday 14 April: AGM 7:30 pm

Sunday 25 April: Anzac Day Service and lunch 11:00 am.

We hope you can make it to at least one or more of these events. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone.

Kind regards,
Terip Recreation Reserve Committee

WANTED to Buy - FIREWOOD

If you have firewood to sell, please ring Peter 0422 217904

Terip

Morning Tea



Wednesday 24th March at Terip Community Centre

Come and enjoy a cuppa, (try a cappuccino from our new coffee machine), swap any books, home grown produce etc with other members & enjoy meeting others.

Time: from 10:00 am **Cost:** Gold coin, optional to bring a small plate to share.



Session #1 - Water: Our Most Precious Resource

Friday 26 March 2021, 6pm - 8pm
Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood Street, Yea

Maryanne Slattery and Bill Johnson are Directors of Slattery and Johnson Pty Ltd, a consultancy firm that specialises in water issues in the Murray-Darling Basin. They are both public commentators on water and have appeared on many media outlets, including flagship programs such as Q and A, Four Corners, Background Briefing, 60 Minutes, The Project and The Drum. In this session they will discuss water management and local outcomes within a Murray-Darling Basin wide perspective.



Please book in advance
www.trybooking.com/BOVLG or call 03 5797 2663
Light refreshments served. \$5 donation appreciated



Y WATER DISCOVERY CENTRE
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Let's talk - Soil Carbon and pH

Come along to this online workshop to hear **Dr Cassandra Scheffe** from AgriSci Pty Ltd talk about the research Riverine Plains have been working on

"Quantifying in-paddock variations of soil organic carbon and pH".

When: Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Time: 9.00am - 10.15am

Where: Online

To register for this workshop, click on [this link](#) or contact Karen Brisbane - Bullock on 0409 955 396 or email karenb@gbcm.vic.gov.au

This Riverine Plains Inc. research project, funded through Goulburn Broken CMA's **"From the Ground Up"** project, started in 2019.

This online workshop will present the research from this project and aims to increase your understanding of the interaction of soil organic carbon and pH.

We hope this information will lead to an increased awareness and understanding of the need for updated sampling practices and opportunities for increasing your soil organic carbon.



Sunday 28 March, 1:45pm for 2pm start.

Do you enjoy getting out in the garden? Do you love growing vegetables? Are you tired of missing out on your favourite packets of seed?

This two hour workshop, led by local seed saver, Kate Holmes, will equip you with all the knowledge you need to get started & grow your freedom through seed saving.

Based on Kate's personal experience and research over the past decade, the information shared will include:

- * Why save seed?
- * Getting started - what, where & when to grow?
- * Keeping it pure - what's in a name? Pollination isolation
- * Bringing in the harvest
- * Storing your Seed.

Workshop notes will be included.

Fees:- \$45 BP/PcV members (\$40 conc)
\$65 Public (\$60 conc).

Places are limited, please

email info@BenallaPermaculture.org to secure your place. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits provided.

COVID safety precautions apply, please bring your mask.

NB: There is a known feral bee colony on this property.

Calling all professionals...

There is a rich history of soil pH research and extension in Southern NSW and North East Victoria. This forum is for professional people who are interested in hearing the latest research into acid soils in the region. Soil Science Australia and the NRM organisations across the region would like to invite you to participate in the forum and then stay for lunch to catch up with other likeminded people across the region. Please note this forum is not for the general public but an opportunity to update interested professionals of current research topics and to reflect on the past.

Please go to the link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/soil-acidity-research-forum-tickets-142802697713> to book your spot.

Speakers include: **Helen Burns** from NSW DPI;
Dr Jason Condon from Charles Sturt University;
Dominic Lauricella and **Dr Clayton Butterly** from La Trobe University/Melbourne University;
Dr Cassandra Schefe from AgriSci Pty Ltd;
Sue Briggs from CSBP Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory and **Bill Slattery**.

The workshop will be facilitated by Cath Botta.
Morning tea will be provided.

This event is funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program (Regional Land Partnerships).

This event is FREE. Participants can purchase lunch at their own expense following the workshop.

You're invited

Tablelands Community Centre Fun Day

Easter Saturday 3 April, 2021

- * Plenty of **family activities** for everybody
- * Taungurung **Welcome to Country** and **Smoking Ceremony**
- * The **Great Tomato Challenge** prize presentations
- * Bring your best **chutney** or **sauce** for judging
- * Buy yourself some **Ruffy History** with the auction of school play equipment
- * Marvel at the new **Tablelands Timeline** history installation, to be officially opened by Cr Laura Binks
- * Remember the **Great Roscoe Circus**? He's back to dazzle you with tricks, laughter and music too!
- * Lamb on the spit roast & BBQ supplied, **BYO** **salads**, **nibbles** and **drinks**
- * Piñata, sack races, and egg and spoon races
- * **PLUS Geoff Achison from the Souldiggers (playing solo)**

Tablelands Community Centre
Nolans Road, Ruffy

Activities start at 2pm

BBQ at 5.30pm

Please advise if you're attending for COVID-safe and catering requirements

Email: tccruffy@gmail.com or call: 0427 960 970

Special thanks to Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare, Splitrock Water & RuffArtz

It's on again!!

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare Lunch has been rescheduled to **THIS Saturday 27th March at 12 noon.**

We are pleased to advise that the smoking ceremony and talk by Shane Monk from the Taungurung People (Cultural Burning) will still go ahead.

Venue will still remain at the Ruffy Hall.
Caterers have been organised, there will be delicious food and free drinks.

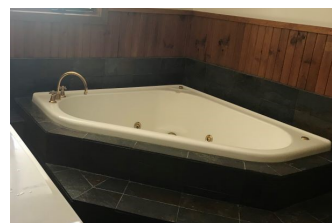
Thank you to those who replied last time, however replies are still required under Covid Regulations (and for catering) for this rescheduled date.

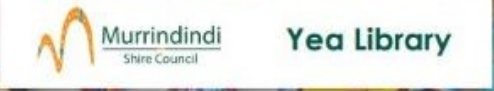
RSVPs NOW would be most appreciated.
Please just text or email Justus (0427 524473).

Spa and spa pump

available for a small donation to the Highlands Hall.


Contact Judy
0418 513 340





RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOPS

2030Yea is a group of volunteers from Yea and surrounds dedicated to the goal of Yea operating solely on renewable energy by 2030.



Council is pleased to support 2030Yea to host a series of workshops at the Yea Library, which will be presented by experts in the renewable energy space. During the workshop you will learn ways you can reduce your energy costs and move to renewable energy.

The following workshops will be held from 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

- Thursday, 8 April - Understanding Your Energy Use
- Thursday, 15 April - Renewables
- Thursday, 22 April - Community Energy
- Thursday, 29 April - Home Efficiency
- Thursday, 6 May - DELWP's Climate Adaptation in Yea project
- Thursday, 13 May - Regenerative Agriculture

Numbers are limited for these workshops so get in quick. For more information and to register for any of these workshops, please call 5772 0333, drop in at the Yea Library or visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents

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Phone: 5772 0333

Letter to the Editor

Hello Pauline,

I was enjoying a coffee on front veranda, when this bower bird (Satin Sammy aka Sammy the Stud) decided to help himself to the sunflower seeds. He didn't even worry about the galah. I noticed yesterday that he has cleared the fallen leaves from his bower to reveal his blue 'gems'. They have been quite noisy this morning.

Cheers, Jan



What is Milkwood?

Recently a TGN reader alerted the Editor to Milkwood an ongoing enterprise based in Tasmania that exists “to help you create the life you want to live – by learning the skills you’ve always wanted to have.”

A garden full of organic veggies, a healthy home full of sunlight and low energy costs. A family full of busy hands deep in new projects; notebooks and seedpods on the kitchen table. Muddy boots at your back door, a nourishing soup simmering on the stove, and a community around you that you can rely on when it's a bad day. Sound good? Let's make that happen...

First up, what is permaculture?

In its essence, Permaculture is a framework for ecological living in the 21st Century.

You can use permaculture thinking and design to make your life truly excellent and earthy, connected to nature and community – no matter where you live.

Are you living in an inner city apartment? Or on a faraway farm? It doesn't matter. Permaculture ethics, design and skills can be utilized anywhere, to make life better.

You can use permaculture design to devise ways to drastically lower your carbon footprint, create community, design your business, plan your resilient dream home and garden, and so much more.

Milkwood...continued

By observing and learning from nature, and by applying basic permaculture design principles, you can create a life and community that thrives – all while making significant, climate-positive changes that will benefit many generations to come, and our planet, too.

Like to find out more??
www.milkwood.net will help you to discover this exciting and ethical world.



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