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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Whether you are an ardent monarchist or a fervent republican the death of Prince Philip is a significant historical moment. As the consort of the longest reigning monarch in the world he had to design his own job description, and has kept himself gainfully employed for the last 68 years. Amongst his many and varied interests was conservation, he co-founded the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) in 1961, which is today the world's largest conservation organisation.

In his privileged position he toured the world and used his influence to draw attention to the plight of wildlife endangered by poaching, pollution and deforestation. One of his more perceptive quotes was, "We depend on being part of the web of life, we depend on every other living thing on this planet, just as much as they depend on us."

VALE - Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, an environmental activist ahead of his time. Until the next issue of TGN, stay safe, **Pauline**



And Kenny... was listening to Shane Monk's cultural talk.



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"We behave as though we have belonged to each other for years."

Princess Elizabeth in a letter to her parents not long after she married Prince Philip - Duke of Edinburgh.

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**

HCCC News

We Rekindled, Reunited & Reconnected!!

Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our community BBQ at Ruffy on 27th March. It was a wonderful opportunity to get together after a year disrupted by Covid.

Thanks to our guest speaker, Shane Monk, for sharing with us his knowledge and passion for Taungurung history and culture.

Thanks also to Steph Ryan (Member for Euroa) for joining us and speaking on matters affecting our community.

We thank all our suppliers and dedicated volunteers who helped to make the day an outstanding success. HCCC looks forward to running a similar event next year.

Jenny Webb - President HCCC

*** For those HCCC readers who attended this lunch it would be most appreciated if you could complete this short survey, thanks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GL2TYWB>

What's your wish for Mitchell's future?

All readers/residents of the Mitchell Shire are encouraged to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the **Mitchell Community Vision 2050 Project** a once-in-a-generation chance to make your mark on Mitchell's future development and direction. Visit www.mitchell2050.com.au to find out more and complete an on-line survey to contribute to this project.

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.

Let's laugh







| Month | Highlands | Ruffy |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| April | 42 mm | 67 mm |
| 2021 Total | 204.5 mm | 205 mm |
| April Rain Days | 7 Days | 9 Days |

HCCC Membership so far
164 ... and counting

Community Notices & Classifieds

WHAT'S ON — April & May

| | | |
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| April 11th - May 9th 10-4 daily | DENNIS SPITERI's 2021 EXHIBITION Dennis's annual exhibition of his most excellent paintings will be open daily . Enquiries? 57969373 | at Hillcrest Studio |
|  Sunday 25th April @ 11am | ANZAC DAY SERVICE @ TERIP The annual ANZAC Day Service, followed by lunch, and the ANZAC Biscuit bake-off is happening again. | at Terip Rec Reserve |
| Sunday 25th April 1.30—4.30 | MUSIC @ RUFFY STORE Fresh from the Euroa Music Festival—Sound Canvas— Tickets are \$30 and include a Ruffy Burger / Banger Box with salad. To purchase, call 0429 904209 | |
| Thursday 29th April @ 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 |
|  Saturday 1st May @ 8.45am | RIPARIAN WALK #3 - STRATHBOGIE Exact location TBC, stay tuned Strathbogrie RangesCMN walks are back. This one is 5kms long and limited to 20, so bookings essential! To enquire and/or book - admin@strathbogieranges.org | |
| Sat. 1st & Sun. 2nd May 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 |
|  Monday 10th May @ 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 | |
| Wednesday 12th May 6.00 - 7.30pm | ON THE ROAD Come along to the Murrindindi Library Service's annual 'On the Road' event for a feast of excellent literary, audio and visual delights that are available to enjoy via the library service. To RSVP 57720333 | at Highlands Community Hall |
|  Friday 14th May @ 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. Contact Judy 57969247 | at Highlands Community Hall |
| 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?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be at Highlands on these dates— April 28th and May 5th & 26th. | 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 57969247 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com | at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy |
| Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm | SWING DANCE CLASSES Swing dances feature the best music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Postponed until further notice | at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559 |

Spa and spa pump

available for a small donation to the Highlands Hall.

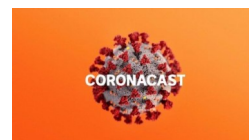
Contact Judy 0418 513 340

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Time to think about Paterson's Curse

HCCC is now looking for expressions of interest from all landowners to join in with the Landcare group in its annual helicopter spraying for Paterson's Curse.

The spraying will take place in May - June.

Each landowner will be subsidised 50% for the cost of the weedicide, to a maximum of 3 loads.

This year we will be using a larger Helicopter and the Load price is \$1450.00 plus GST. This covers 26 Ha's

Contact Neil van Buuren to book your property for this particularly important community event and help us to control the spread of this noxious weed.

This year due to chemical shortages, Paton Air have secured all the chemicals we need.



Phone: 0417 503 472

Email

hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au

Join us at the Terip Recreation Reserve to commemorate Anzac Day.

Gather with us at 10.30 for a 11am start

25th  April
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LEST WE FORGET
.....
Anzac Day

BBQ Lunch to follow - bring a salad/desert.

\$5 to cover meat P/P

Bring 6 of your Best Anzac Biscuits for the Bake Off

Terrific Terip Terip takes tea...



What a lovely time was had by all at our first Morning Tea since covid, with old friends enjoying the catch up and getting a sneak preview of the new bi-fold doors.

Also, our much anticipated **Star Gazing Night** that had to be cancelled last year, has been re-booked in 2021. Save the date for **Saturday 4th September**. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

We hope you can join us at some or all of our local events. The Committee welcomes any ideas you may have for other events or activities to keep our Terip community connected.

Let's talk Telstra

Do you have ongoing issues with electronic communication in the 21st Century from your home or property?

Did you miss out on attending one of the two Telstra information sessions recently held at Ruffy & Strathbogie?

If your answer was yes to either or both of those questions then the following may be of interest.

* In order to alleviate the poor reception, particularly in the Kobyboyn valley and surrounding area, it is hoped that an extra Telstra tower will eventually be erected close to the Kobyboyn Exchange building. However this essential piece of infrastructure is dependent on Telstra receiving funding from the Federal Government for its erection. As a result it could take a couple of years to achieve this result!

Why not contact your local Federal representative to see if this timeframe can be expedited? Our safety is paramount.

Damien Drum MP—Nicholls Electorate 03 5821 5371
or email damien.drum.mo@aph.gov.au

Helen Haines MP – Indi Electorate 02 6024 6284
or email helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au

Or if you would like to chat with a Telstra representative directly **Steve Tinker, Telstra's Regional General Manager, is willing to take enquiries—03 5832 4013 0428 538695**
or email stephen.tinker@team.telstra.com



Acidic soils, acid-tolerant pasture species, moisture probes, and deep-core soil sampling



Event details

Date: Friday 7 May 2021

1st Workshop – Lime, pasture species, Moly and GA trial site. Hear from Strathbogie SoilCare group members about what they have learnt over the past five years from their trial site and what has influenced them.

Meeting place: Carpenters Lane Strathbogie

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a drink, hat and writing materials.

2nd Workshop – Accessing and using probe data. With Brad Costin and Damien Gerrans.

Meeting place: Strathbogie Hall

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm

If you are unwell, awaiting results of a COVID test or have been in a hotspot, please do not attend this event.

Numbers are limited and registration is mandatory for this workshop due to COVID-19 requirements.

To register, [click here](#) or contact Karen on 0409 955 396,
karenb@gbcma.vic.gov.au

Background

The Strathbogie SoilCare and Strathbogie Tableland Landcare groups have been trailing ways to boost their pasture production since 2016.

They installed a lime trial comparing 2.5 tonne/Ha, seven tonne/Ha, and a control to increase soil pH and reduce aluminium.

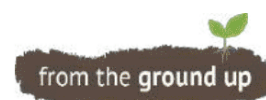
In their second trial, the group sowed nine acid-tolerant pasture species in the lime trial site.

A trial using Molybdenum (trace element in soils) and Gibberellic Acid (artificial hormone) has also been added.

Gecko CLaN Landcare Network installed a weather station and two moisture probes to 80cm at the trial site. Data collected includes rainfall, soil moisture and soil temperature.

The site has also had soil samples taken to 80cm to examine differences in soil structure down the profile.

Brad Costin, AgVic, and Damien Gerrans will discuss how to use the data to make on-farm decisions. We will assist land managers to log in and access the data monitoring site.



This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



ARTSACTION – TRAINING COURSE FOR CREATIVES

ArtsACTION is a free upskilling and professional development program for creatives – and it's running in Murrindindi Shire.

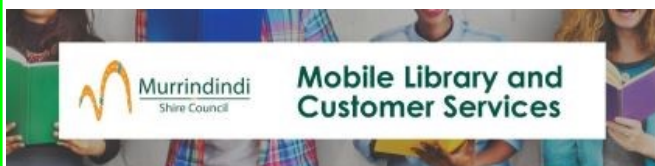
ArtsACTION supports creatives to get into action, work collaboratively, and refine innovative methods for success. It will assist with activating career pathways, broadening networks, and building market reach.

The Program offers a six-part email resource pack, Zoom workshops, and access to a growing network.

FREE to participate, it is delivered entirely online until 30 June 2021.

If you are an emerging or professional artist, an arts worker, involved in community arts or work in any creative industry field, **ArtsACTION** is for you. If you are looking to grow your career, build your business, step up your organisation or connect with other creatives across Victoria and beyond, ArtsACTION is definitely for you!

For more information, please visit popupart.com.au/artsaction



On the Road



Join us at the Highlands Community Hall for an evening of 'On the Road'. Real people talking about real books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs and other great works.

6.00 - 7.30 pm | Wednesday 12 May
Highlands Community Hall
1603 Ghin-Ghin Road, Highlands

Please RSVP by calling 5772 0333



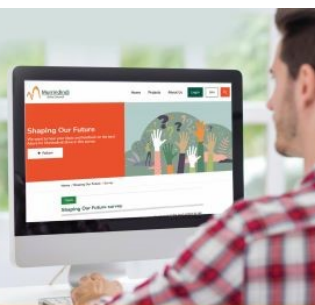
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Complete our online survey and tell us what you think is important for the future of Murrindindi Shire. Your feedback will help us develop a new Council Plan, which will guide our work over the next four years.

Visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/future



You can also join an interactive community workshop at **7.00 pm on Thursday 22 April**, where we will run through the survey together and gather your feedback. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and chat with Council officers about your ideas. Registrations are essential. To register, visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/future

Get in touch with Council
murrindindi.vic.gov.au
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Soils and sequestering carbon

The potential of Australian soils to sequester carbon and off-set emissions is a hot topic right now. But how do you go about building soil carbon? Dr Cassandra Scheffe, a leading soil science researcher, presented the first **Road to Net Zero** webinar series - Understanding Soils. Dr Scheffe took viewers back to basics, explaining the relationships between different soil characteristics and their contributions to a soil system. She then showed how farmers can use this knowledge to achieve an increase in carbon. This Webinar can be found on -

<https://youtu.be/-EVuFGfr3tk>

The **Road to Net Zero** webinar series explores the reasons for reducing emissions, the different solutions available and industry progress towards carbon neutrality. Soils are a very complex and integral system, so keep an eye out for more Road to Net Zero webinars on the topic. As they are announced, you will be able to find them at

<https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au>

After completing a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons) in 1999 at The University of Melbourne, Dr Cassandra Scheffe was employed by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI), Victoria as a research scientist in soil chemistry. Cassandra also specialised in soil chemistry and soil-plant interactions, completing a PhD with Monash University on the interactions between carbon and fertilisers in improving nutrient availability in acid soils.



What We Seek II

An exhibition of the latest works
by Kristen R MacKenzie

"What you seek is seeking you" Rumi

"Drawings, prints and paintings containing multidimensional levels which should spark the imagination of the viewer to look beyond what you see. Believing in the beauty in all living things, miracles, magic and the inter connection that exists between every living thing around us. These themes have wound their way through the art works." Kristen R MacKenzie.



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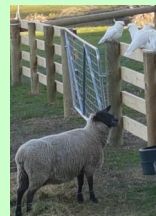
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