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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With a new year there is always a chance for new opportunities and one of those is now open. Have you considered supporting this great little newsletter to continue its job of informing and entertaining both locals and readers further afield? The easiest and most cost effective way to do this is to take out an ad on the back page of TGN.

Each year 24 spaces are allocated to not only tradespeople, but also to some wonderful readers who altruistically support this excellent local paper, at the incredibly reasonable cost of just \$250 for the year. For tradies that equates to \$6.50 per week for 40 issues which, as I have just recently discovered, is an amazingly good price to get one's message out into a wider world.

Would you like to support, or continue to support, the Granite News in 2021? Please just email editor@tgn.org.au to find out more.

Finally, for those readers who at times have experienced annoyance and frustration over the non-arrival of TGN, I am optimistic that the 'back end' tweaking that has occurred over summer may have, at last, solved the problem. Please let me know if otherwise.

Until the next issue of TGN stay safe and keep cool, **Pauline**

And Kenny... was back on deck & looking forward to HCCC's lunch on 20/2



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"In the rush to return to normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to."

Dave Hollis

(US businessman & author)

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

A date for everyone's diaries because it's time to ...

**Rekindle
Reunite
Reconnect
Our Community**



February 20th 2021 - 12 noon onwards

****Free Lunch** (Everything supplied!)**

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

Venue - Ruffy Hall



Let's laugh



Post Covid - Post Carbon

As life in some parts of the world is slowly returning to 'normal' maybe now is time to take stock and rethink...

**HCCC Membership so far
163 ... 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

CALENDAR of EVENTS — January / February

Thursday 28th January @ 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
Sat 6th & Sun 7th February from 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 8th February @ 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
Friday 12th February @ 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 Contact Judy 5796 9247
Friday 12th February @ 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING Everyone is welcome to attend. at Whiteheads Creek Hall Enquiries? - contact Justus 0458 904268
Saturday 20th February 10am to noon	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
Saturday 20th February @ Noon	HCCC - FREE LUNCH for ALL! Everyone is invited to celebrate and Rekindle, Reunite and Reconnect with our community. Everything is supplied, so come along and enjoy! at Ruffy Hall Enquiries? - contact Justus 0458 904268
Saturday 27th February 2 - 8pm	LONGWOOD BEER, WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL For the love of ale!! Tickets - Presale \$25, At the Gate \$30 (U18s=FREE) www.longwoodforthe love of ale.com.au at Longwood Recreation Reserve
2nd Wednesday each month @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA This enjoyable social event is open to all members of the community, come along, enjoy a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce. at Terip Community Centre Start date - TBA
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 back on the following dates— Jan. 27th & Feb. 10th & 24th at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	QIGONG AT RUFFY Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien 5790 4361 or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASS Swing dances feature a lively 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

Don't forget....

The Granite News is a local weekly newsletter that can assist you with getting YOUR message out to the wider community.

* Do you have an event coming up (yes socialising at a sensible distance and with appropriate measures is now possible) so why not advertise that activity?

* Have you been spring cleaning during Covid and now have one or two things to sell or maybe even give away? Why not put an ad in TGN? It's free, although donations are welcome, and appears for 3 weeks.

* Have you an urge to buy something, a horse, car, tractor or something smaller. Put your request out there!

Anyone who has ever lived on the tableland will know of Peg Lade and her love for the environment and all its wildlife. Peg has been living in Yea for some years now and I was delighted that she caught up with me a few days ago and asked me to publish this article. After reading Colin Dowser's little epistle last week she was moved to write one of her own experiences. Thanks Peg. Ed.

I was so inspired by Colin Dowser's article in the Granite News as it reminded me of when I wrote a weekly column for TGN called "People and Places". I actually interviewed people for that and it was great fun, even if on occasion it was like trying to get blood out of a stone. But it was always well-received by readers.

So maybe now I can talk about OLD AGE, which combined with the limitations of Corona is not much fun. And I how I miss our beautiful tablelands. My life now consists of reading, knitting, writing, jigsaws and watching good documentaries on TV and news. However I am sick to death of Trump and Melania and desperately sorry for Joe and Kamala. What an impossible task they have - thank God I don't live in America.

I am lucky to have family who visit and unexpected visitors are always a joy. I think that I am halfway to anywhere. Most of my past contemporaries are now dead or have disappeared. I gate-crashed a group of oldish women here in Yea and we meet for coffee and/or lunch which has been a sanity saver.

One of my worries is my garden here, which is small and a daughter has planted natives - hopefully no watering and bird attracting. They (the birds) haven't got the message - yet. And there doesn't seem to be any available gardeners in Yea. I tried one who bought a team and charged me \$1000! So don't tell me there's lots of unemployed - just let me know if you would like half a day's work, probably less.

Having crashed my car just before Doug died, I now have an electric scooter, which is also a lifesaver as knees, back, etc seem to have given up. Even though they carried me all over Highlands and Yea District. But that has given me lots to remember and visualise. And then there are those wonderful people who collect me and we drive to beautiful places with wonderful views - try the Old Yarrck Cutting - good surface but so narrow that I'm sure you couldn't even pass a rabbit going the other way!

Or you could try the Wicket Hill Road from the north side of Hughes Creek, opposite Bungle Boori. It used to be a dreadful road, bogs and washaways, but now it has an excellent gravel surface, obviously used a lot. And it leads you to such joys as Upton and Tarcombe Rds, with many vineyards and even Wallaby Gully Flora Reserve. If you turn right you will find the Boathole Rd, Caveat and Highlands or you can turn left to Ruffy. Such wonderful views, even Looking Glass - opposite Habbies Howe - is visible from that part of the plateau with its superb granite boulders

And looking north - I'm not sure where that ends! Timor Sea?? Unfortunately it's a bit too far for the scooter, but there is hardly any traffic!

Peg Lade - formerly of Glentannar, Highlands now of 3/4 Anne St Yea - why not drop in and say hi



The Highlands BLACK Market is back!!

As summer vegetable gardens start producing, it's a good time to re-open the Highlands Black Market, a local food-swap with the aim of reducing waste, growing and eating low kilometre, organic food and sharing knowledge. **Please join us at 94 Old Highlands Rd.** Bring a chair and please practise social distancing. We will be outside in the shade, so masks are optional. If you are not feeling well, perhaps wait until the following month. Coffee and tea will be provided and we look forward to reconnecting. **Call Clare for more information on 5796 9366. The first 3 dates for your diary are - Sat. 20th Feb 10-12, Sat. 20th March 10-12 and Sat 17th April 10-12.**



After that as the weather gets cooler we might switch to 12-2pm instead.

Letter to the Editor

Your Councillor Needs You

Because of COVID, last year's Council elections for Murrindindi Shire were unusual. There was no opportunity for meetings nor lengthy face to face meetings between candidates and electors. As a consequence Councillors are having to develop a long term vision, a four year plan and a budget for 2021-22 without the usual level of knowledge about what is important to those we represent.

Consequently, I would appreciate it if you would take the time to send me an email, jwalsh@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or give me a call, 0437 835 586 and let me know what you'd like to see done by the Shire over the next four years and where you see the Shire in 10 years time.

Some issues, roads and rates for example are always on the agenda but there will be particular instances that warrant greater attention. Other matters like responding to climate change and increasing education opportunities will require a Shire wide response with increased advocacy if our concerns are going to be heard by those with direct responsibility. I want to make sure your views are considered in developing the wider policies.

One issue of immediate current interest is Murrindindi's view on changing the date for Australia Day. It is not a matter that, for the majority of us, will impact the day-to-day functions of our lives. However it is a matter that relates to how we see ourselves as a nation. It will take time to resolve, but I would again welcome your views on the matter while it is front of mind.

I look forward to hearing from you and soon getting back to where we can all meet face to face to discuss matters directly.

John Walsh
Councillor for Koriella Ward
Murrindindi Shire Council

Yea Men's Shed

Is anyone interested in looking for an outlet in restoration or in woodwork and general projects?

You may have a secret talent. Why not come along and find out?

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Restarting in January 2021
New members are welcome

Contact Alan Cole 0427 755580



Bottle Tops for prostheses



Has anyone been collecting bottle tops for conversion to prostheses? If so where can one drop them off? Previous locations seem to have disappeared. Any ideas? Send to editor@tgn.org.au for sharing.

CFA Reminder - On days of high fire danger...

- * Enact your fire plan
- * Let your neighbours know (on your fire tree) what your intentions are for the day
- * Ensure any hoses are laid out and that pumps are in working order
- * Stay hydrated
- * Stay in touch with the bigger picture with - a fire radio, a listening set or the ABC on either radio or the Emergency app
- * Decide early whether you are staying or going. If going have the car packed and ready to go. Don't forget to pack valuables, essential documents and the family pets.



CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Tuesday 26 January 2021

Alexandra

Rotary Park, Grant St, Alexandra

8.00 - 10.00 am

Eildon

Eildon Shopping Village,
Main Street, Eildon

8.00 - 10.00 am

Flowerdale

Spring Valley Recreation Reserve,
748 Spring Valley Road, Flowerdale

12.00 - 1.00 pm

Glenburn

Glenburn Hall, 3876 Melba Highway,
Glenburn

6.00 - 7.30 pm

Kinglake

Murrindindi Shire Council Kinglake Office,
19 Kinglake- Whittlesea Road, Kinglake

9.00 - 10.25 am

Strath Creek

Strath Creek Pioneer Reserve,
10 Ferguson Street, Strath Creek.

10.00 - 11.20 am

Yea

Grassed median strip adjacent to
Yea Shire Hall, High Street, Yea

8.00 - 10.00 am



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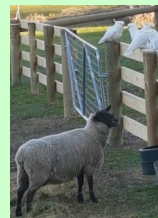
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