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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Some of you might remember Steven Bradbury's unexpected and iconic gold medal win in the Short Track Speed Skating final at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He was literally the last man standing after the Chinese skater attempted to overtake the American skater and in the process, not only brought them both down, also caused the Korean and Canadian skaters closely following to tumble as a result of the melee. Bradbury who rated himself as the eighth best skater in that company and gave himself little chance, was stoked to be in the Olympic final and elected to, "stay out of the way and if anything does happen I'll be able to capitalise on it." And the rest as they say is history.

I was reminded of the unexpectedness of such events when I discovered this meme and the randomness of that persistent virus was highlighted yet again. It's now NSW's turn to deal with restrictions they have so far managed to avoid, and the realisation that while gold standards are good two doses of vaccine are even better. I am so looking forward to jab #2!

Until the next issue of TGN, stay safe and warm, **Pauline** And Kenny... was smelling the Yea Garden Club's rambling roses.



HCCC News

Koala Habitat Trees from your Landcare Group

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to plant koala habitat trees on their properties. 3800+ trees have been delivered to front gates across the catchment. The remainder will be handed out from the Landcare display at the NAIDOC Week expo at Yea Wetlands .

A worrying response from those requesting trees was that they used to have many koalas visiting their remnant and planted habitat trees but since the last dry spell numbers have dramatically decreased.

Many koalas get flattened by cars and trucks because the best trees are along roadsides and koalas are slow to react to traffic. Landcare members aim to build koala corridors away from roads, following creek lines and ridge lines, to give them a better chance of survival.

No more trees left until next year.



NB: Koala is on Buntings Hill Rd, Ruffy



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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www.highlands.org.au

"Some women have a weakness for shoes. I can go barefoot if necessary, I have a weakness for books."

Oprah Winfrey (1954...)

American celebrity & philanthropist

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

Even the cats are stocking up on toilet paper!



| Month | Highlands | Ruffy |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| June | 105.9 mm | 140 mm |
| 2021 Total | 410.2 mm | 458 mm |
| June Rain Days | 19 Days | 14 Days |

HCCC Membership so far

164 ... and counting

Community Notices

WHAT'S ON — July & August

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|  Monday 12th July @ 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 |
| Tuesday 13th July @ 7pm | HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING at Highlands Hall See p. 5 for more information. |
| Friday 16th July @ 7.30pm | HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Highlands Hall All HCCC landholders and/or residents are welcome to attend. Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473 |
|  Saturday 17th July @ noon | HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366 |
| Tuesday 20th July @ 7.30pm | RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP at Tablelands Community Centre Important meeting to appoint a new leadership team. See article below on this page. |
| Thursday 29th July @ 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 |
|  Monday 2nd August @ 7.30pm | TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM at Terip Tennis Clubhouse All welcome |
| Tuesday 10th August @ 7pm | HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL PUBLIC MEETING at Highlands Hall See p. 5 for more information |
|  Friday 13th August @ 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. |
| 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—July 14th & 28th and August 11th & 25. |
| Every Monday @ 10 am | ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400 |

DON'T FORGET...

We are holding a meeting to appoint a new leadership team for the Ruffy Community Action Group. If you are interested in taking on one of the roles please come along on **Tuesday 20 July - TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE @ 7.30pm** (opp. Ruffy Store)
 If you would like to discuss any of the positions please call **Rob Jamieson on 0401 993 681 or Felicity Sloman 0413 483 450 for a chat.**

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For all those tree changers (yes, I hate being called that), but for those of you who have purchased land and would like to know all about planning your farm, water, dams, biodiversity, handling stock, fire restrictions, council planning, dealing with pest animals and weeds and getting to know your soils; the Healthy Hectares workshops are the perfect days to sink your teeth into.

This time we are bringing you 4 workshop days in the Murrindindi Shire and you may do one day or as many as you'd like. \$30 per workshop, including lunch and morning tea and most days end with a farm visit.

Stay safe and well and we hope to see you at the upcoming Healthy Hectares series. Contact me for further information but you can see all the details on the website and bookings are now open with limited tickets.

Carolena

Euroa Arboretum

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www.healthyhectares.org.au

The poster for 'Healthy Hectares' by Euroa Arboretum features a blue header with the title in yellow script. Below, it lists four days of workshops: Day 1 (Introduction, Saturday 24th July), Day 2 (Water on your Farm, Friday 13th August), Day 3 (Biodiversity and Pest Plant and Animals, Saturday 11th September), and Day 4 (Healthy Soils & Pasture, Friday 8th October). Each day includes a list of topics, a presenter, and a property visit. A QR code and a diagram of a tree are also present. The website www.healthyhectares.org.au/events is listed at the bottom.



This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA, Euroa Arboretum and the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Murrindindi Shire Council.

Ruffy Mini Enduro - 1st - 3 rd May 2021 @ Ruffy Rec Reserve

This excellent event was run by the Longwood Carriage Driving Club.

During the 3 days drivers travelled 3 different routes over dirt and sealed roads in the Ruffy & Terip area. There were drivers and spectators from Victoria and interstate who all enjoyed themselves and the fine weather during their stay.

The Club is hoping to run this event again next year.

Submitted by Edward Sprunt



Fancy an entertaining night out?

Then the Yea Yappers next offering might just fit the bill. 'The Living Wireless' is being performed at the Yea Shire Hall on Friday 23rd July @ 7.30pm and Saturday 24th July @ both 2pm and 7.30pm. At \$20 a ticket it's a bargain!

For more information - www.yappers.org/tickets

Strathbogie Granite Project - Update June 2021

The plan was for a geology field trip to the summit of Mt Bernard near Avenel keeps changing. It has been postponed three times and will now be rescheduled for September. Organiser Kevin Whithear of the Avenel Nature Conservation Group was pleasantly surprised by the interest and at least a second trip to cater for numbers appears necessary.

The Strathbogie Granite Project has been active for over a decade now investigating various facets of the geology from Tallarook to Mt Samaria. Field work in the Strathbogie ranges has been curtailed during 2020 with more focus in remoter areas including forest. The regular public presentations could not go ahead, and the talks in Strathbogie in mid-2019 at the School and Hall seem a long while ago.

The Project is a collaboration between researchers from University of Melbourne and Professor John Clemens and his team at Stellenbosch University (RSA). The general goals are to provide high quality science outcomes to assist the understanding of our soils, groundwaters, erosion, pastures and native vegetation. Results are fed back to the community through regional talks and field trips, summary papers and scientific publications. Restrictions have meant that the Stellenbosch and Melbourne researchers have not been able to meet in person, but regular morning scientific exchanges have continued throughout the Victorian and South African lockdowns.

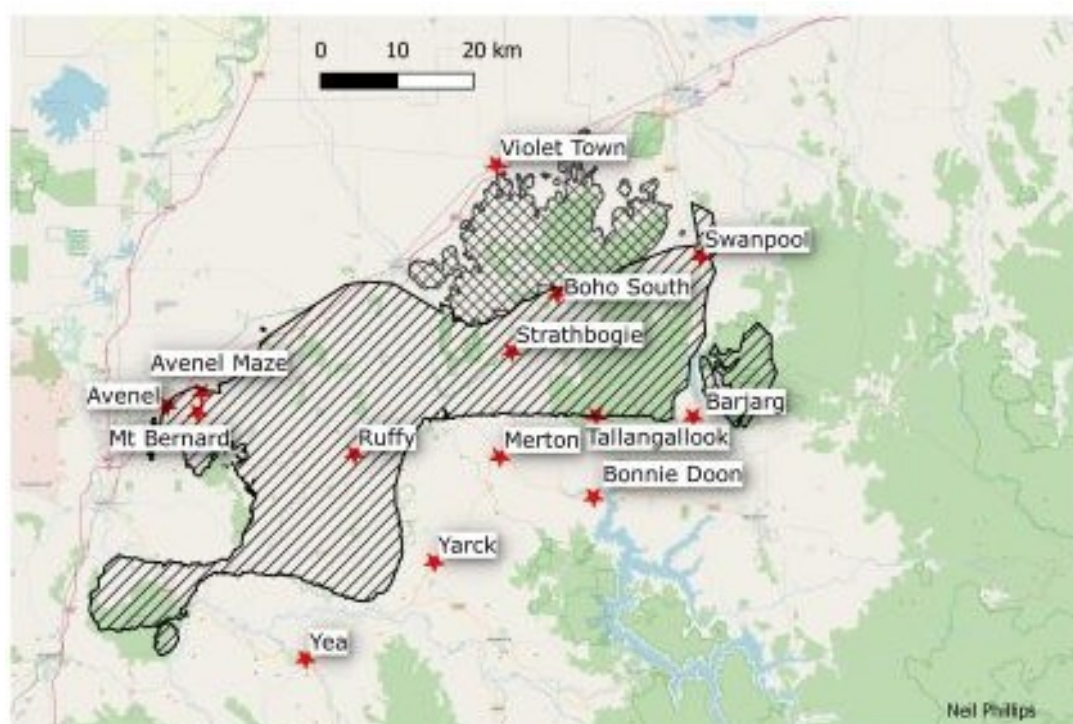
Slowly at first the research has recommenced in recent months with field work both on private land and in forests. A normal field day on private property involves prior permission and notification of our intentions, and then visiting numerous outcrops of granite mostly on foot. We usually make recordings in notebooks and occasionally take compass readings and photos.

A big thank you to all those who facilitate this work and share their own knowledge in the paddocks and during the outstanding Riparian Walk series.

Neil Phillips and John Clemens

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Key to Map: diagonal lines show the Strathbogie granite from Tallarook to Mt Samaria. Crosses highlight the Violet Town Volcanics.



Trading table and raffles on the day




YEA Garden Club SEMINAR

Thursday 12 August 2021
Yea Country Club Hotel Function Room, 18 High Street, Yea

PROGRAM

- 11.00am Morning Talk – Gardens of Europe
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Talk on rare and unusual plants & plant sale
- 3.00pm Afternoon Tea

COST: \$45 per head ~ includes 2-course lunch
RSVP by Monday August 9. Ring or email Elaine White 5780 1274 or elainewhite@hotmail.com
Payment can be made to Yea Garden Club 8381 000, Account No 141691592. Please note name on payment.

GUEST PRESENTER
Stephen Ryan

Stephen has won many awards for his articles in newspapers and magazines and acclaim for his three published books on rare plants. He has a regular slot on Melbourne 3CR. In 2002 he was awarded a Radio Laurel by the Horticulture Media Association for his segments on ABC Radio 774 and is perhaps best known for his 3-year role as host on ABC Television's Gardening Australia. In 2001 the Royal Horticultural Society recognised Stephen with a John Pascoe Fawcett Gold Medal for Distinguished Service to Horticulture.

His Nursery, 'Dicksonia Rare Plants', is recognised internationally. He regularly travels the world in search of rare plants and has hosted many garden tours to overseas.

Today Stephen will show a powerpoint and speak on his visits to European Gardens, both renowned and rarely seen, and has a host of plants for sale from Dicksonia Rare Plants.

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL

Notice is given of a

PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the Highlands Hall on **Tuesday 10th August commencing at 7.00pm** to nominate persons as the Committee of Management for the Highlands Community Hall for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on 23rd August 2021.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting the **Secretary, Judy Cameron** on **5796 9247.**

Please note: Although all positions will be declared open we will have a definite vacancy for a Chairperson. This should be a very rewarding position to lead and support the Hall Committee.

We would welcome you to our next committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th July 7.00pm to meet the current committee and see what is involved.

Kati Kariko is a 65-year-old researcher, an immigrant, who rarely got grants, never got her own lab, **never earned more than \$60k.** For **four decades**, she kept working on mRNA – a path considered *foolish*. Her work is the **basis for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.**



A Date for YOUR Diary

TERIP TERIP Tennis Club AGM

Monday August 2 @7.30pm

At clubhouse - all welcome



A QUICK LITTLE QUIZ - ANSWERS!

- Which item should you NOT recycle?
Newspapers **Tissues** Milk Bottles
- Recycling a single aluminium can will save enough energy to power a TV for how long?
15mins 45mins **3hours**
- How many times can glass be recycled?
Never Once **Forever**
- Each tonne of recycled paper can save up to how many trees?
7 trees **17 trees** 27 trees
- Which common recycled plastic is used to make containers for milk, detergent and shampoo?
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

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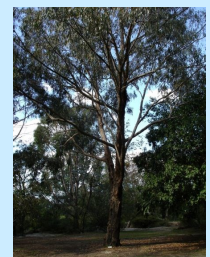
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