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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well we're back on what seems to be the summer weather roller coaster again this year - where it is absolutely blistering for a few days, then a mega downpour followed by fairly ordinary 'beige coloured' summer days. Definitely NOT swimming weather.

The two incredibly efficient TGN rain recorders - Alistair and Darryl - sent in the January statistics earlier today and whilst there weren't too many rainy days during the month the amount of rain recorded, at Highlands in particular, puts January 2021 right up there in #2 spot (**130.6mm**) for the most rain during the month of January. Only being beaten into first place by January 2011 (**178mm!**), which was the year of the Wivenhoe Dam problems and the subsequent Brisbane floods followed by flooding in the NW and Western parts of Victoria in another La Nina weather pattern. To complete the hat trick January 1984 takes third place with **130.2mm**.

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

And Kenny... was checking out the supply of bottle tops for prosthetics



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www.highlands.org.au

"Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you."

Anon.

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

RSVPs are essential and are now being taken contact Justus 0458 904268 or email jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au

Rekindle

Reunite

Reconnect

Our Community



February 20th 2021 - 12 noon onwards

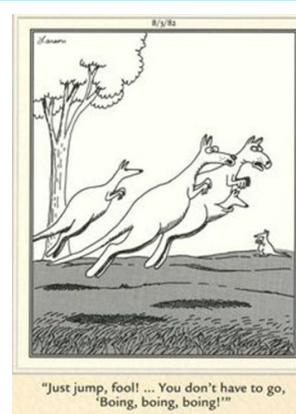
****Free Lunch** (Everything supplied!)**

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

Venue - Ruffy Hall



Let's laugh











Month	Highlands	Ruffy
January	130.6 mm	98 mm
2021 Total	130.6 mm	98 mm
January Rain Days	9 Days	6 Days

**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

 Sat 6th & Sun 7th February from 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.
 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 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. Contact Judy 5796 9247
 Friday 12th February @ 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Whiteheads Creek Hall Everyone is welcome to attend. Enquiries? - contact Justus 0458 904268
 Saturday 20th February 10am to 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
 Saturday 20th February @ Noon	HCCC - FREE LUNCH for ALL! at Ruffy Hall Everyone is invited to celebrate and Rekindle, Reunite and Reconnect with our community. Everything is supplied, so come along and enjoy! RSVPs are essential contact Justus 0458 904268
Thursday 25th February @ 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.
 Saturday 27th February 2 - 8pm	LONGWOOD BEER, WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL at Longwood Recreation Reserve For the love of ale!! Tickets - Presale \$25, At the Gate \$30 (U18s=FREE) www.longwoodforthe love of ale.com.au
 2nd Wednesday each month @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre This enjoyable social event is open to all members of the community, come along, enjoy a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce and enjoy meeting others. Start date - TBA
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 back on the following dates— Feb . 10th & 24th, March 10th & 24th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	QIGONG AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre 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 Postponed until further notice
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLUB at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Swing dances feature a jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! 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 it is listed for 3 weeks.

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

Please join us for the launch of 'On Taungurung Land: sharing history and culture', a book by Jennifer Jones and (the late) Uncle Roy Henry Patterson.

In 2017 Murrindindi Shire Council, in collaboration with the authors of the book, gained a Local History Grant from Public Records Victoria to facilitate the publication of this cultural memoir of Taungurung Elder Roy Patterson.

Come and hear from Dr Jennifer Jones about her work with Uncle Roy and celebrate this important work. This book will help our community gain a better understanding of their local Indigenous history and celebrate Taungurung culture.

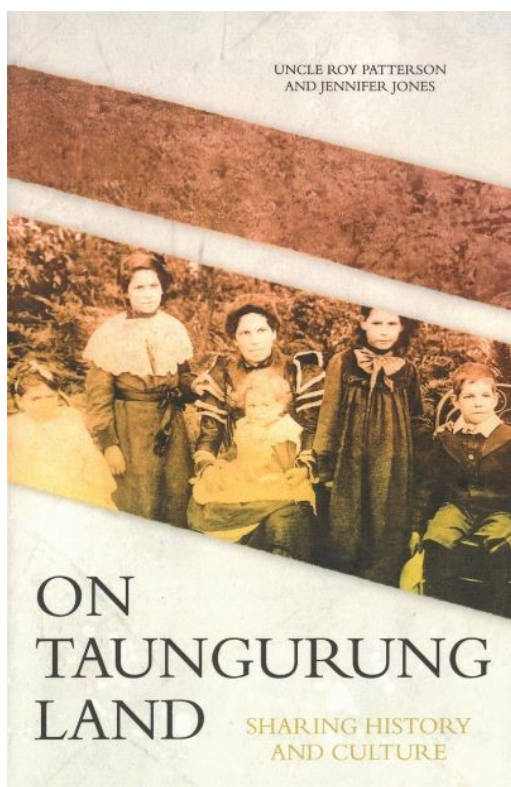
When: 10.30 am to 12 noon, Saturday 13 February

Where: on the banks of the UT Creek behind the Alexandra Library (49 Grant Street, Alexandra), surrounded by the native food plants garden which Uncle Roy helped establish. If the weather turns bad, we'll move this event inside the library. Refreshments will be provided

Bookings are essential and numbers are limited. Please call 5772 0333, email mls@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or book online through Events on the Library website by Wednesday 10 February to reserve your place.

This event will be run in accordance with COVID-safe requirements.

The book is now available for loan from the Murrindindi Library Service or as a downloadable e-book hosted on the Australian National University website at press.anu.edu.au/publications



The Tablelands Great Tomato Challenge

How are all those tomatoes growing?

With plants bearing fruit it's time for another couple or three tablespoons of sulphate of potash away from the base of the plant and watered in well.

A reminder of the challenges to date -
Who can break the current record of first ripe tomato (which stands at 5th December 1989)



Who is wearing the best hat while planting their tomato (photos can still be sent to tccruffy@gmail.com)

The next challenge is a photo choice of the weirdest shaped fruit growing or the best tomato you have grown or the heaviest tomato (remember to include in your photo the tomato on scales)

You may have all three so send your photos in to tccruffy@gmail.com or 0427 690 970

We are setting these challenges up now before you start preparing your tomatoes for eating or preserving.

As fruit starts to ripen it will not be long before we start looking up those favourite tomato chutney recipes or new ones to try.

Who is going to have the tastiest jar of chutney? Remember to keep a jar aside to enter.

Happy harvesting!

Chooks for SALE

Isa browns
Bond blacks
Hyelines

**Contact Enola
0427 969274**



Kobyboyn Rd
Whiteheads Creek

Self-Doubt !!!!

Donald Trump never seemed to entertain any self doubt about himself. In contrast Jacinda Ardern one of the world's most respected national leaders, speaks of her self doubt in her role as New Zealand's Prime Minister. She calls it her 'impostor syndrome'. But that has never stopped her doing her job competently. That she does experience some self doubt actually makes her more compassionate and sensitive to the needs of people.

One of the characteristics of religious and political fanatics and bigots is their lack of self doubt. For instance, one of the key elements in the process of brainwashing is to totally eliminate self doubt.

Of course, having too much self doubt can paralyse a person and leave them open to all kinds of personality and health problems. It is possible that those who eschew self doubt, whether it be religious, ideological or political are often those who actually experience severe self doubt, but won't admit it. Some bullies fall into this category. Beware of the person who is always right and who wants to force their opinions down your throat. Jacinda Arhern would never force someone to shake hands with her if they didn't want to.

Having some self doubt opens us to other people and ideas, it enhances our ability to think and feel more creatively and exercise genuine empathy. Living with some self doubt is not always easy, it requires courage, being prepared to fail, to take risks in the face of apparent certainty. It means being ready to share with others, to ask for help and support. It is for the religious person the ultimate act of faith, for the opposite of faith is not doubt but certainty.

Why not make friends and learn from your self doubt?

Stuart Reid - Highlands

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



YES !!!

Thank you so much to Robyn who has suggested St John's Primary School, Anderson St, Euroa is still collecting these.

Greater Gliders – ten fast facts

1. Greater Gliders occur in foothill and mountain forests from central Victoria to Queensland. (including Strathbogie Ranges)
2. They are mostly solitary.
3. They need large tree hollows for shelter (each animal uses multiple hollows).
4. They eat eucalypt leaves but prefer particular species.
5. They can glide up to 100 metres between trees using a membrane between fore and hind legs.
6. They begin breeding from two years old and can live to around eight years old.
7. Females only have a single offspring per year but might not breed every year.
8. They are threatened by fire and logging.
9. They are preyed upon by owls.
10. They may be affected by heat stress and drought – these factors may increase with climate change.



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