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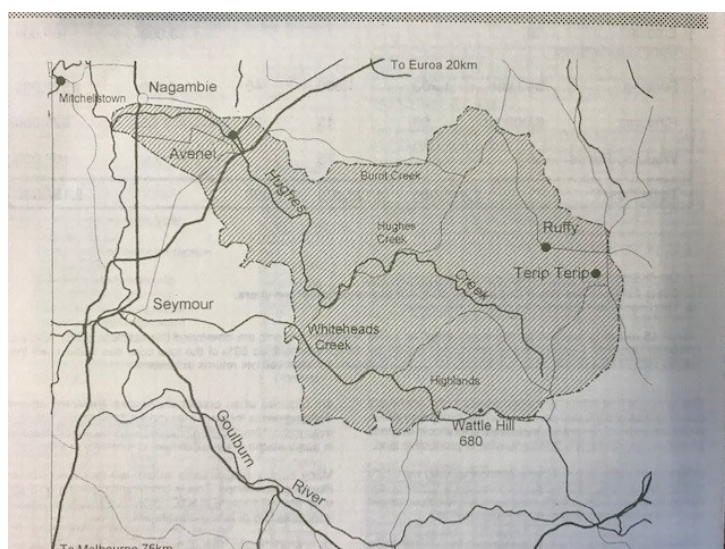
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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

By the time this issue of TGN lands in everyone's email inboxes Victorians will be able to travel from one end of the state to the other, gather in small groups and not have to wear masks in an outdoor setting. Anyone have a feeling of déjà vu? As in Back to the Future circa 2019? The changes will be most welcome but it's up to everyone of us to do the 'right' thing when it comes to QR Codes, etc and maintain this new normal into 2022 and beyond.

Although I have run previous articles that give a brief history of the HCCC (Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative) readers, new and old, may be interested in the actual geographical area that the Hughes Creek Catchment covers. Me too! So just recently I was delighted to discover this map which gives an excellent illustration of the catchment area. Although readership of TGN now extends way beyond these borders it's interesting to see where it all started. I hope that you find it useful too.



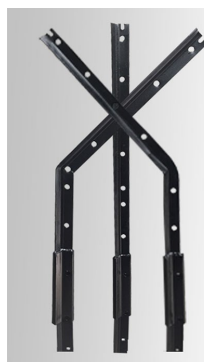
Until the next issue of TGN, take care and stay safe, **Pauline**
And Kenny... was looking forward to the Open Gardens weekend in Yea.

HCCC News

Have you seen these?

Star picket extensions!!

They come in both metal and plastic and can be attached to existing star pickets to increase the height of fencing. As deer are particularly prevalent at the moment it might be a good investment. Plastic extensions can accommodate electrification of the fence and they are relatively inexpensive to purchase from any agricultural supplies merchant.



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



Hughes Creek
Catchment
Collaborative
Landcare

Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

or to subscribe on-line go to

www.highlands.org.au

**"In Sweden there is an over-arching principle that everyone, regardless of gender, has the right to work, and support themselves and to live without the fear of abuse or violence." Margot Wallstrom
Swedish Foreign Minister 2014-2019**

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



Website of the Week

The Atlas of Living Australia is the most comprehensive database on Australia's biodiversity. Its trusted data is hosted by the CSIRO.

www.ala.org.au

**HCCC Membership so far
174 ... and counting**

Community Notices

WHAT'S ON — November **NB: All may be subject to Covid variations until late Nov.**

IMPORTANT NOTE >>>

ALTHOUGH THESE EVENTS ARE LISTED AS HAPPENING ALL ARE SUBJECT TO GOVT. RESTRICTIONS, CHECK WITH THE NOMINATED ORGANISER PRIOR TO THE DATE FOR VIABILITY AND ANY LIMITS.



**Friday 5th November
@ 6pm**

RUFFY FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ

at Tablelands Community Centre

It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights!

Enquires: 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com

**Saturday 6th & Sunday
7th November
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 6th & Sunday
7th November**

YEA ROTARY OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

see last week's TGN for more details

All attendees must be doubly vaccinated and there is a limit of 10 visitors at a time per garden.

**Monday 8th November
@ 11am**

HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB

450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat

The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2021 at the same place with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided.

Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361

**Wednesday 10th
November @ 7pm**

RUFFARTZ AGM

at Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd, Ruffy

New committee members are most welcome. The meeting will be held in a COVID-safe environment.

For more info email: ruffartzsecretary@gmail.com

RuffArtz

**Friday 12th November
@ 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.



**Thursday 18th Nov.
@ 7.30pm**

HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING

at TCC, Ruffy

A special meeting all about soil carbon, with Cassie & David. More details to come (see next TGN) but everyone is welcome to attend.

Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473

**Saturday 20th Nov.
@ 10-12.30**

HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET

at 94 Old Highlands Rd

Come for the Black Market & stay for a great workshop & lunch. More details in next week's TGN.

Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366

**Sunday 21st November
@ 9am**

HIGHLANDS HALL - WORKING BEE

at Highlands Community Hall

Lots of jobs to do, everyone is welcome as many hands make light work. See article on p.3.

Enquiries? - contact Miranda 0408 969261



**Thursday 25th Nov.
@ 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.

**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 - Nov. 3rd & 17th and Dec 1st & 15th

**Every Monday
@ 10 am**

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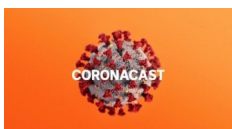
at Tablelands Community Centre

Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy.

For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400

14 x Acacia Melanoxlyn (Blackwood) seedlings - for free!

Ring Peter 0422 217904



Coronavirus 24hr Hotline

1800 020 080

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[ABC listen app](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#)

Highlands Community Hall

We are pleased to announce that the following people have been elected to the Highlands Hall committee.

Chairperson: Gayle Arnold
Secretary: Miranda Yorston
Treasurer: Judy Cameron



Committee Members: Geraldine Edgley
Robyn Lingard
Paula Lade
Netta Lawson
Rick McAlpin
Steve McAlpin
Larry Taylor

If you have any bright ideas about how the community hall could be a more vibrant focus in our community please contact one of the committee members and share your thoughts. To all those people who love Drinks on the Deck, rest assured it's continuing exactly as it is and everyone is welcome :-)

HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE

It's that time of the year. Spring is in the air and the grass is definitely growing. It's time to clean up our wonderful hall, inside and out and we need your help.

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

9AM START

LUNCH PROVIDED

BRING YOUR TOOLS AND ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM



Jobs for Working Bee at Hall & CFA shed

Weeding
Pruning
Whipper Snipping
Mowing
Sign board needs repairing
Side door repair needs painting (we have the paint)
Guttering needs cleaning
Cleaning outside toilets
Cleaning inside hall
Sweeping & washing floors
Cleaning out cupboards
Cleaning windows

If you can't come on that day that's OK. Just let me know which job you are happy to do and we'll put your name next to that job. Let me know if you are coming so we can make sure there's plenty to eat and drink.

miranda.yorston@gmail.com

Ph: 0408969261

Did you miss the webinar "**Preparing your property for the fire season**" by CFA 24 Oct 2021? If you did then just copy this link https://cfa-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/rec/share/RpQRqe2HhLrUv1aXZPmw4R88zuR1r-MvxYG51vpGTesg9_TP-Jaay2uGbELuhxct.n-WnDWCvgtm2j4v to find out how you can get your property ready and safe for summer 2021-2022.

Facts and Responsibility

The Macquarie Dictionary defines a **fact** as 'something known to have happened, a truth known by actual experience or observation.' When it comes to the climate debate there are number of indisputable facts.

1. The world is getting hotter, so much so that it is not just changing the climate, we are actually facing a climate crisis.
 2. This crisis has been caused by human activity, such as the overuse of fossil fuels, the exploitation of resources generally and the abuse of the planet's biodiversity. Some might add that we simply have too many people.
 3. There are people, some in high places, some in places of influence who actually deny these facts. Once we excused them because they were uninformed or ignorant; later as evidence built up we called them simply foolish; today given the undeniable evidence of climate change we are entitled to call such deniers irresponsible.
 4. There is another group of people who acknowledge that the climate is warming, but refuse to do anything about it because it may be economically costly. These people advocate carrying on as usual, leaving it to others to make changes, trusting that down the line, ways will be found to fix things. Their mantra is familiar, 'She'll be right mate'. This group of people are not only irresponsible, but morally irresponsible.
 5. One fact often ignored in the climate debate, is that it will be the poorer nations and poorer people who will suffer most as the climate crisis deepens.
 6. It is going to be our grandchildren who will inherit a problematic climate.
- We are the generations that caused this crisis and it behoves us to carry the cost of dealing with it. That is our moral responsibility.

Stuart A Reid - Highlands

WANTED

Cherry pickers on a casual basis from mid November.

Adrian Martin 03 57 904201

** WANTED **

Gardener with experience needed one or two days a week.

Caveat area.

Please call : 0414 602 820



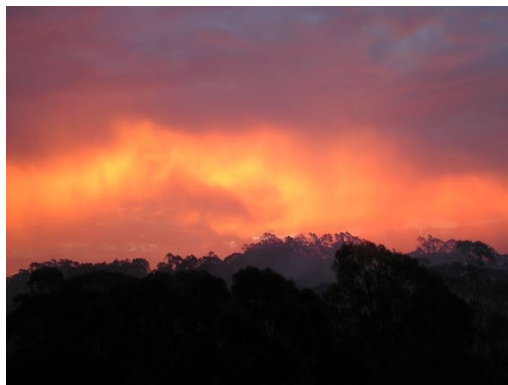
How Climate Change will impact CFA operations - Part 2.



Climate Change Impact on Fire Risk and Emergency Services

It's clear that CFA will have to deal with more extreme, more frequent & longer fires seasons in future. This will have flow-on impacts on firefighter safety & the services we deliver unless we adapt and respond to the changes. A recent report from AFAC (Australasian Fire & Emergency Service Authorities Council) described many ways climate change is likely to impact fire and other emergency services including:

- increasing exposure and vulnerabilities of communities to hazards, including multiple stressors and shock at the same time (which can become disasters)
- increasing costs of disasters, impacts on infrastructure
- increasing pressure on resourcing, responders and capabilities due to more frequent & severe weather events
- increasing health and safety risks for staff and volunteers, including heat stress, fatigue and mental health
- increasing risk of emergency services being sued
- failure of building codes and land use planning to respond to what's needed to keep the community safe and happy
- supply chain vulnerabilities preventing emergency services from getting the equipment and support when needed
- damage to ecosystems through more frequent incidents and the need to manage fire risk



Some of the ways CFA may need to adapt include:

- increasing our firefighting capability and capacity
- ensuring our members are equipped and safe to endure more extreme conditions
- inventing improved ways to deliver our services so we continue to effectively protect lives & properties
- increasing our focus on mitigating the risk through community actions and fuel management

Increasingly, both private and public sectors are looking for leadership, knowledge and advice regarding climate change risk.

Extract taken from the CFA's magazine Brigade - Spring 2021

NEW PROGRAM in Agriculture

- Study in the comfort of your own home or office via real time zoom sessions
- Study an Agriculture stream that suits your interests and workplace
 - Equine Breeding Stream
 - Poultry Stream
 - Pork Stream
 - General Agriculture Stream

This is a nationally recognised qualification and training and is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding for eligible individuals.

Start November 2021 or January 2022

CONTACT Jacinta Clark for more information on 0439174434



Highlands Ramblers final walk for 2020

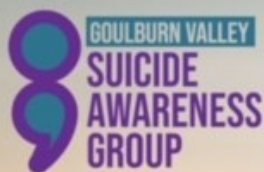
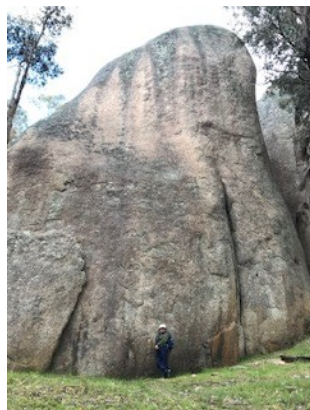
Led by Andrew Shaw and ably assisted by son Angus, 9 others enjoyed the last walk for 2021.

Discovering wild orchids and small wild flowers we rambled our way to (Thomas) Pinniger's unique tiny Cairn constructed on rock in c.1865.

Close by we sighted a large tree fern which had created its own environment within the crevasse of a huge granite boulder. From here we scrambled to the top of Rantin Robin Rocks where we enjoyed lunch overlooking panoramic views of lime green pastures amongst the top of huge gum trees like the koalas do.

We look forward to resuming our rambling on Sunday 26th March 2022.

Anyone is welcome to join in.



*A pause in time
to reflect and
remember.*

First Annual GOULBURN VALLEY Suicide Awareness Walk Sunday 21 November 2021

COVID regulations apply.

Rail Trail Loop: Yea Railway Station to Two Bridges

Walking to remember those lost, raise awareness, reduce stigma, and support families and friends in our Goulburn Valley community.

For more information, to volunteer, & to register:



www.gvsag.org.au



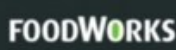
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If after reading this you need support, please ring:
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Tablelands Community Centre BBQ

When: 5th November - 5:30 PM till 9 PM

Where: Tablelands Community Centre
(Old Ruffy School)

Who: Open to everyone
27 Nolans Road Ruffy

Catering: Sausages and dim sims
provided BYO drinks

Cost: \$5 donation



It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights with a community BBQ at the Tablelands Community Centre. This catchup is long overdue and will be a chance to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances, meet some new faces and taste the fabled BBQ dim sim.

This event is being put on by the **Tablelands Community Centre**, for the community - everyone is welcome with space to spread out around the centre. Sausages, bread and dim sims will be provided, please BYO drinks, snacks and other supplies.

The Community Centre is operating under a COVID management plan **fully vaccinated** and we'll be holding the event outdoors. **RSVP is essential for catering and COVID management practices.**

Please email tccruffy@gmail.com to confirm your attendance or call Alex on 0430 530 319.

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