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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Just a reminder that with the end of the publication year for The Granite News fast approaching—the **last issue for 2021 will be on December 12th (only 2 more issues to go)** please don't forget the following -

Firstly if you want to publicise anything between now and then any copy needs to be sent sooner rather than later and if you want to give a heads up to readers about anything happening in the first few weeks of the new year, be aware that **the first issue of TGN will appear on January 16th** and plan accordingly, thanks.

Many thanks to the current TGN advertisers who are continuing their valuable support in 2021. If you would like to continue doing so for 2022, at the very reasonable cost of **\$250 for an annual fee** please email me at [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) Also if any other readers would like to commence advertising &, by doing so, support this great little community newsletter, then please reply to the same email address. Thanks.

Until the next issue of TGN, take care and stay safe, **Pauline**  
And Kenny... was looking forward to the Highlands Hall working bee.

## Grey Shrike Thrush

Many thanks to those readers who responded with their Grey Shrike Thrush observations. It's always interesting to compare nature notes.

Re the article on the Grey Shrike Thrush. We have had them in our garden since 2010. (Mr & Mrs T) and their Offspring. They start their conversation about 5.00 AM and I quite often greet them before breakfast.

They are often on the lawn and use the bird baths all year around. Their Offspring stay also. So the "family" is now generational.

Their "call" is quite distinctive and I listen keenly to hear the replies around the garden - then I know everyone is okay.

I also have them in the Orchard and Veggie Patch. They know a safe environment - this is my theory anyway. - **Lynn**



Referring to the reader who has just discovered the Grey Shrike Thrush in their garden, we have lived here for 27 years and have had the GST in our garden for as long as we can remember. We both enjoy their song and friendliness, and regard them as very handsome birds. - **Stuart**

You were wondering about the grey shrike thrush ..... we have had them up here every year (they have even built a nest in our garage a couple of times. They are beautiful. Our friend, Isabelle, has also had them at her place every year. We saw one there yesterday. Her brother, Peter, has had a nest in his workshop, right next to his bench, and they don't worry about him. There have been times when Peter is chopping wood that, if there are huntsman spiders on the wood, they have a great feed. - **Jan & Ruby**



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or to subscribe on-line go to

[www.highlands.org.au](http://www.highlands.org.au)

We usually write a person's lifespan with a - between their birth and death dates

eg: Issac Newton (1643 - 1727) so

"Live the dash!"

**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

From Nov. 25 to Dec 10 the United Nations supports the international campaign to call out gender bias

**16 Days of Activism 2021 | Respect Victoria**

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

## Community Notices

**WHAT'S ON — Nov. & Dec. & Jan. 2022** **NB: COVID restrictions eg: double vaccinated will apply**

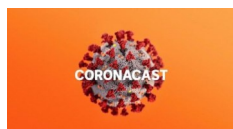
 <b>Monday 29th November @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2021 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! Please bring a plate of food to share and great tea & coffee will be provided. <b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st December 1.30-3.30pm</b>	<b>MAXINE the VACCINE Bus</b> <span style="float: right;">outside the Tablelands Community Centre</span> Can't get off the Tablelands for a vaccine shot? Then Maxine is coming to YOU. See p. 5 for all details.
<b>Wednesday 1st &amp; Thursday 2nd December @ 5pm</b>	<b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING BEE</b> <span style="float: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre</span> Come along and help clean up the surrounds of the TCC before the Xmas Party, for more details see p.3.
 <b>Friday 3rd December @ 6.30pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY END-of-YEAR GET TOGETHER</b> <span style="float: right;">See p.4 for more details</span>
<b>Saturday 4th &amp; Sunday 5th December 10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</b> <span style="float: right;">2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</span> 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.
 <b>Saturday 4th December @ 6pm</b>	<b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE / CFA COMMUNITY XMAS PARTY</b> See p.5 for further info or contact <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday 11th December</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>Correct Date!</b></div>	<b>TERIP TERIP XMAS BBQ</b> <span style="float: right;">at Terip Rec Reserve</span> Yet another social event to celebrate the season. More details on p 5.
 <b>Saturday 11th December from 4pm til late</b>	<b>KELVIN VIEW CHRISTMAS TREE</b> <span style="float: right;">at Kelvin View</span> Come along for a festive family night, more details on p.4
<b>Sunday 12th December</b>	<b>FINAL GRANITE NEWS FOR 2021 - First TGN for 2022 is 16th January</b>
<b>Friday 7th January 2022 @ 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY BBQ</b> <span style="float: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre</span> Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Bookings / further info contact <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a> or <b>Alex 0430 530 319</b>
<b>Saturday 8th January 9.30 for 10am</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT</b> <span style="float: right;">at Terip Rec Reserve</span> More details to come next week or contact <b>Cindy on 0429 772011</b>
<b>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> <span style="float: right;">at Highlands Community Hall</span> The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? <b>YAY! The Mobile Library will be at Highlands on these dates - Dec 1st &amp; 15th</b>
<b>Every Monday @ 10 am</b>	<b>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</b> <span style="float: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre</span> Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. <b>For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400</b>



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## THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL (2021 – 2024 triennium)

As you are probably aware, the Highlands Hall has a refreshed management committee. Forty people gave their time, energy and skills to a working bee at the hall on Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 November, with fantastic results. It was wonderful to witness the community of Highlands coming together and working on this great asset of ours.

### WHAT NEXT?

We are seeking your input into the hall's future direction? What would you like to see happening at the hall? We would like your response to 3 questions:

#### #1 What do you think a goal (or goals) for the Hall management should be?

For example - to create a safe and welcoming inclusive space for new and current residents.  
to provide a focal point of support to the community of Highlands in times of emergencies such as bushfires?

#### #2 What specific activities would you attend at the Hall?

For example - tennis tournament  
movie night(s)  
cooking class(es)  
guest speakers

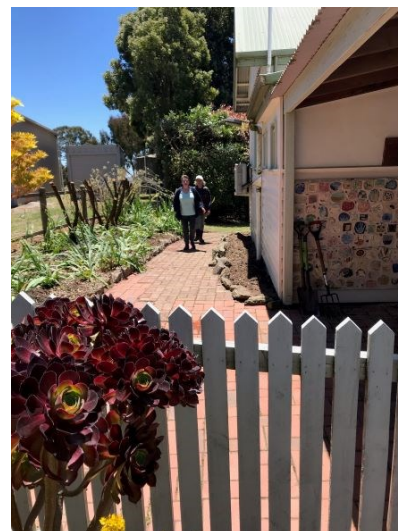
Send as many as you like!

#### #3 How should the hall committee facilitate these activities?

For example - they should do all the work  
I would like to be part of committee that organises social events/activities

Your Hall committee is keen to hear what you want your hall to be! Over to you.

Send in your ideas to [Gaylearnold5@gmail.com](mailto:Gaylearnold5@gmail.com)  
or [Miranda.yorston@gmail.com](mailto:Miranda.yorston@gmail.com).



### Terip Tennis Club

Social memberships available  
For more information please contact **Cindy 0429 772 011**  
Or use this link to sign up  
<https://play.tennis.com.au/terip-teriptennisclub/Membership/Join>



### January 8 2022 – SAVE THE DATE

Terip Tournament is back! Great social day of tennis – 9.30 for a 10am start!

### Tablelands Community Centre pre Xmas Working Bee

It's time again for our big clean up before the Xmas party.

With the growth this year mowing and whipper snipping is high on the agenda.

If anyone has a pressure washer this tool has been helpful in the past for cleaning outside walls and windows.



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 5pm for a couple of hours

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 5pm for a couple of hours

Come with tools if you can or just show up  
Further info contact Fiona 0427 690 970



Do you live, work or own a property in Murrindindi Shire? Then you are invited to complete a short Communication Preferences Survey to help Council improve the way it communicates with its community.

For more information and to complete the survey, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communication](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communication)

You can also drop in to one of our Library and Customer Service Centres to complete a paper survey, or give us a call on 5772 0333 and we can complete the survey for you over the phone. We need your feedback by 24 December 2021.





# KELVIN VIEW CHRISTMAS TREE

Please come along for a festive family night

**SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER  
4PM TIL LATE**

Special Santa appearance on the fire truck  
(Please bring along a small gift to be placed under the Christmas tree)

Sausage sizzle for the children to start the night

The night will continue with traditional  
Christmas meats served cold with a  
range of salads to choose from  
Dessert to follow  
BYO Drinks and chair

Bottled water will be supplied

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THE EVENING**

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For any enquiries  
Betty 0429 177 809 or Neville 0427 905 273

Please RSVP by  
Saturday 4th December  
Bookings are essential due to Covid Restrictions

**Due to covid rules there will be a covid sign in  
and proof double vaccination**



## HiArts Closes Down

At a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November the decision was made to close the Highlands Arts Experience Inc. (HiArts) activities from **30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. The decision does not come as a surprise as HiArts has operated at a minimum since its last exhibition in 2013. The main reasons have been changing community interests and a lack of human energy.

The decision, however was made with some sadness, given the excitement and satisfactions of the ten years of exhibitions. Over that time around 140 different artists exhibited their work, many becoming annual participants. With the help of a professional curator, HiArts was well known for the quality of its exhibitions. This was enhanced by the many musicians who entertained, the poets who shared their writing and the fun children had with face painting and other activities. Who can forget the excellent food and local wine and the conviviality of conversations in the food marquee and around the exhibition spaces and outdoor sculptures.

For fourteen years HiArts encouraged young artists by offering a cash prize to the best senior art students at Seymour College and the Yea High School. Several of those winners were able to win a place in the Victorian Top Arts Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

In closing down HiArts has donated its remaining funds to the Highlands Community Hall, recognizing the essential part the Hall and its management Committee has played in the success of its exhibitions. Though HiArts has closed the equipment for displaying art is still available in the Hall.

Our thanks go to the many artists, musicians, poets and other entertainers who contributed to the success of the exhibitions.

Our thanks also go to all those volunteers who helped prepare and serve food and drinks and to the loyal group who turned up each year to set up the exhibition and clean up afterwards.

HiArts has appreciated the cooperation of the CFA in the use of their facilities. There would have been no HiArts without the creativity and hard work of the members and office bearers of the HiArts Committee. There were many enjoyable times together including the celebrative dinners at the hotel in Yea after the exhibitions when deep satisfaction took over from utter exhaustion.

We now look forward to a new generation who will celebrate local art for all to enjoy.



## You are invited to the Highlands/Caveat End of Year Get Together

**Friday 3rd of December at 6.30pm  
The Highlands/Caveat Community Group  
Highlands Hall**



BBQ provided

BYO drinks, glass, chair, and a salad to share

This is a community break up, so we invite all  
groups and members to attend

Please remember to check in and have your  
vaccination record available.

## Tablelands Community Centre Xmas Party

Join us at the Tablelands Community Centre (27 Nolans Road, Ruffy) for our annual Xmas party. The fun starts at 6pm with the free CFA BBQ. Bring drinks (BYO), salads and desserts to share.

There will be plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained, including a jumping castle, the lighting of the Xmas tree and Santa on the fire truck.

This is a COVID safe event - sign in (QR code or pen and paper) and proof of vaccination are required prior to entry. It will also replace the Tablelands Community Centre BBQ that is held on the first Friday of every month (the next BBQ will be held on the 7th of January).

For further enquiries or bookings please contact Melissa on 0404 833 388 or Fiona on 0427 690 700 or email [tccruffy@gmail.com](mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com)



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## XMAS PARTY



SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th



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### DATES to REMEMBER

3rd December - No Tablelands Community Centre BBQ

4th December - Tablelands Community Centre Xmas Party 6pm

7th January - Tablelands Community Centre BBQ 6pm

### WELCOME - Hugo Gilbert Eccles

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vaccination



### Terip Christmas BBQ



Saturday the 11th December  
6pm onwards  
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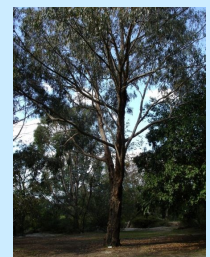
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