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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

WOW! I'm not too sure if it's the double digit donut days or the prospect of a coming vaccination but this week's TGN is just full of social events across the Tablelands for the next couple of weeks. Read on and start planning your social calendar accordingly.

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

And Kenny... was keeping the tomatoes, hanging on the door, company.

## HCCC News

### Rekindle! Reunite! Reconnect! Our Community

**The rescheduled HCCC lunch is happening...on**

**March 27th 2021 - 12 noon onwards**

**\*\*Free Lunch\*\* (All food & drink supplied!)**

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

**Venue - Ruffy Hall**

**RSVPs are ESSENTIAL - contact Justus 0458 904268 or email [jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au) by 19th March**



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**"I found a dream and that brought hope and a new way of looking at things."**

**Gaby Kennard OAM (1944 - )**

**First Australian female pilot to fly solo circumnavigating the world.**

**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

A year ago this was our last normal week and nobody knew it

## Congratulations!!

Charlie Leach from Ruffy won the under 6 year old rider at the Tallangatta Show last Saturday on her mount Toby.

She was the only under 6 rider who rode independently (off a lead line) and was able to canter! Well done Charlie!

The ring was judged by local equine performance horse identity Adrienne Leigh.

Thanks to Robyn Richards for the photo.



## HCCC Membership

Don't forget that membership of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is ongoing and free! Just email [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) to join.

## Post Covid - Post Carbon

Did you know? The Victorian Govt is currently offering rebates on a range of solar products, as well as interest-free loans to June 30th 2021. [www.solar.vic.gov.au](http://www.solar.vic.gov.au)

**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

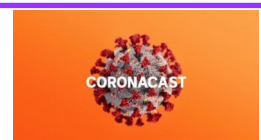
### WHAT'S ON — March & April

<b>Thursday 18th March</b> <b>@ 7.30pm</b>	<b>FORESTRY IN MURRINDINDI – PAST, PRESENT &amp; FUTURE</b> at Fawcett Hall The Home Creek/Spring Creek Landcare is hosting this discussion. See p. 4 for more details.
<b>Friday 19th March</b> <b>@ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> at Highlands Hall The next meeting includes the AGM. All welcome. <b>Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473</b>
<b>Saturday 20th March</b> <b>10am - noon</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b>
<b>Sunday 21st March</b> <b>10am start</b>	<b>TERIP REC RESERVE WORKING BEE</b> at Terip Recreation Reserve General clean and polish of the grounds and centre - all welcome.
<b>Wednesday 24th March</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</b> at Terip Community Centre Come & enjoy a cuppa, (try a cappuccino from our new coffee machine), swap any books, home grown produce etc with other members & enjoy meeting others. Gold coin, bring a share plate (optional)
<b>Thursday 25th March</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat.
<b>Friday 26th March</b> <b>@ 6 - 8pm</b>	<b>WATER—OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE</b> at Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood St, Yea As part of the 2021 Speaker Series the YWDC is delighted to welcome Maryann Slattery and Bill Johnson as keynote speakers to discuss water management and local outcomes within a Murray-Darling Basin-wide perspective. Bookings are essential <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BOVLG">www.trybooking.com/BOVLG</a> and a \$5 donation at the door includes a light supper. <b>Enquiries? 5797 3394</b>
<b>Friday 26th March @ 7.30</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP RFB BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING</b> at Terip Recreation Ground
<b>Saturday 27th March</b> <b>7.30 - 9pm</b>	<b>BEAM FILM NIGHT - The FOREST DEFENDERS</b> at Tallarook Hall The Forest Defenders are people who care deeply about the Takayna/Tarkine Forest in north western Tasmania. They have taken a stand to preserve the forest that they love. See p.5 for more details.
<b>Friday 2nd to Monday</b> <b>5th April</b> <b>10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</b> 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.
<b>Saturday 3rd April</b> <b>(Easter Saturday)</b>	<b>THE GREAT TABLELANDS TOMATO CHALLENGE - Judging &amp; Winners!</b> See p. 4 for all the details. Get your entries in <a href="mailto:tcccruffy@gmail.com">tcccruffy@gmail.com</a> & be there!!
<b>Sunday 11th April</b> <b>@ 3pm</b>	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF DENNIS SPITERI's 2021 EXHIBITION</b> at Hillcrest Studio Dennis's annual exhibition of his paintings will be open daily 10-4 from 11/4 to 9/5. <b>Enquiries? 57969373</b>
<b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> at Highlands Community Hall 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— March 24th &amp; April 14th &amp; 28th.</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>QIGONG AT RUFFY</b> at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien or email: <a href="mailto:vivienwatmough@gmail.com">vivienwatmough@gmail.com</a>
<b>Every Thursday</b> <b>@ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</b>	<b>SWING DANCE CLASS</b> at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Swing dances featuring Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! <b>Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</b>

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**Postponed until further notice**

## TERIP is getting back to normal - YAY!

Our community events have sadly been in recess for the last 12 months. However, the committee is **EXCITED** to be back organising opportunities for everyone to come together again and finally get to utilise the new bi-fold doors which are a great enhancement.

For starters, a few events, aptly described as "**Terip Autumn Fling**" have been planned for March and April. Please note these dates:

**Sunday 21 March: Working Bee** 10:00 am start. General clean and polish of the grounds and centre.

**Wednesday 24th March: Morning Tea** 10:00am.

**Wednesday 14 April: AGM** 7:30 pm

**Sunday 25 April: Anzac Day Service** and lunch 11:00 am.

We hope you can make it to at least one or more of these events. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone.

Kind regards,

**Terip Recreation Reserve Committee**

## Terip

### Morning Tea



### Wednesday 24th March at Terip Community Centre

Come and enjoy a cuppa, (try a cappuccino from our new coffee machine), swap any books, home grown produce etc with other members & enjoy meeting others.

**Time:** from 10:00 am **Cost:** Gold coin, optional to bring a small plate to share.



### Session #1 - Water: Our Most Precious Resource

Friday 26 March 2021, 6pm - 8pm  
Y Water Discovery Centre, 2 Hood Street, Yea

Maryanne Slattery and Bill Johnson are Directors of Slattery and Johnson Pty Ltd, a consultancy firm that specialises in water issues in the Murray-Darling Basin. They are both public commentators on water and have appeared on many media outlets, including flagship programs such as Q and A, Four Corners, Background Briefing, 60 Minutes, The Project and The Drum. In this session they will discuss water management and local outcomes within a Murray-Darling Basin wide perspective.



Please book in advance  
[www.trybooking.com/BOVLG](http://www.trybooking.com/BOVLG) or call 03 5797 2663  
Light refreshments served. \$5 donation appreciated



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**The Highlands Black Market is back -**  
on the 3rd Saturday of each month  
10pm and 12pm (during the warmer months)

94 Old Highlands Rd, Highlands.

**March 20th and April 17th.**

Bring along excess home-grown veggies, fruit, eggs and any other produce you've made yourself such as preserves, bread, jam, pickles to swap or sell. If you don't grow or make your own, you can come to the Highlands Black Market and buy from those who do. The Black Market is also open to local farmers who grow commercial produce on a small scale.

Local food swaps are a great way to be better connected to your food, get to know your local community, learn from each other and to reduce food miles, consumerism, packaging, waste and environmental impacts from industrial-scale agriculture & food production.

**Contact: Clare or Vitto**

at [claredaly19@gmail.com](mailto:claredaly19@gmail.com) or call 57969366  
for more information ... or just rock up.







Home Creek Spring Creek Landcare presents a discussion on:

## FORESTRY IN MURRINDINDI: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Featuring speakers Ken Deacon from the Rubicon Forest Protection Group and John Woodley from Taggerty Farm Forestry.

Ken Deacon has lived by the Rubicon Forest for over 35 years, providing a wealth of experience and knowledge of the forest and the logging industry. Ken will address the logging history of the Rubicon area and the implications of Victoria's logging industry demise. He will also outline a range of landcare issues such as weed control, soil erosion, water quality, conservation for threatened species, fire risks and revegetation practices in our Murrindindi forests.

John Woodley is a leading practitioner of silviculture with over 25 years experience in growing trees for timber. As we transition from logging our native forests in Victoria, what better time to plan plantation based timber supplies on the farm? John provides guidance on a variety of techniques for successful forest establishment and will provide some insights into the successes and pitfalls of growing trees for pleasure and profit.

Thursday 18th March, 2021 at 7:30pm

FAWCETT HALL 655 Spring Creek Rd. Fawcett

"Entry is a gold coin donation"

Supper provided by Home Creek Spring Creek Landcare

Please RSVP to Allison Spratt by March 16th

allison.spratt8@gmail.com 0466 038 779

## Artistic dates for the diaries...

Darren Gilbert's stunning studio will be open for twice as long over the Easter break (2nd April to 5th April) why not drop in and see what's new?

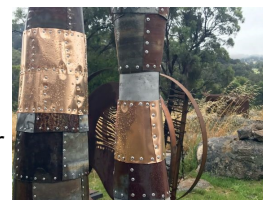
**Good Friday 10 - 4**

**Easter Saturday 10 - 4**

**Easter Sunday 10 - 4**

**Easter Monday 10 - 4**

See What's On calendar for more details.



Painter and avid TGN reader, Meg Heres, would like to advise other readers that she has a new exhibition happening during April.

**Meg Heres' Art exhibition 1st to 25th April**

You and your friends are invited to the opening of her exhibition at **Marmalades of Yea**.

**Thursday April 1st from 5pm till 6.30pm.**

Entry by donation to Yea Historical Society.

Free canapés with drinks available for purchase.

**Enquires 0400 340279**

And April must be **THE** month for exhibitions as Dennis Spiteri extends an invitation to a viewing of his recent paintings at Hillcrest Studio, Highlands. Exhibition runs from **11th April to 9th May from 10-4** daily, with an **Opening Preview on Sunday 11th April and the Official Opening at 3pm.**

Please RSVP if attending the preview - 5796 9373 or [dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au](mailto:dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au)



## You're invited Tablelands Community Centre Fun Day

**Easter Saturday 3 April, 2021**

- \* Plenty of **family activities** for everybody
- \* Taungurung Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- \* The **Great Tomato Challenge** prize presentations
- \* Bring your best **chutney or sauce** for judging
- \* Buy yourself some **Ruffy History** with the auction of school play equipment
- \* Marvel at the new **Tablelands Timeline** history installation, to be officially opened by Cr Laura Binks
- \* Remember the **Great Roscoe Circus**? He's back to dazzle you with tricks, laughter and music too!
- \* Lamb on the spit roast & BBQ supplied, **BYO** salads, nibbles and drinks
- \* Piñata, sack races, and egg and spoon races
- \* **PLUS Geoff Achison from the Souldiggers (playing solo)**

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Nolans Road, Ruffy

Activities start at 2pm

BBQ at 5.30pm

Please advise if you're attending for COVID-safe and catering requirements

Email: [tccruffy@gmail.com](mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com) or call: 0427 960 970

Special thanks to Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare, Splitrock Water & RuffArtz



## It's on again!!

The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare Lunch has been rescheduled to **Saturday the 27th March at 12 noon.**

We are pleased to advise that the smoking ceremony and talk by Shane Monk from the Taungarong People (Cultural Burning) will still go ahead.

Venue will still remain at the Ruffy Hall. Caterers have been organised, there will be delicious food and free drinks.

Thank you to those who replied last time, however replies are still required under Covid Regulations (and for catering)-for this rescheduled date.

**RSVPs by Friday 19th March would be most appreciated. Please just text or email me (0427 524473).**

Hoping to see you there.  
Justus.



## DO YOU WANT TO HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE?

Whether you're a long-term local, a regular visitor or someone who has recently decided to call Murrindindi Shire home, Council invites you to share your ideas and opinions on what you think is important for the future of your community.

Together, we'll create a refreshed community vision and your feedback will help us develop a new Council Plan, which will guide our work over the next four years.



To find out more and to get involved, please give Council a call on 5772 0333 or visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/shapingourfuture](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/shapingourfuture)

### Movies that Matter-The Forest Defenders

**Saturday 27th March 7.30-9pm @ Tallarook Hall, Main Rd, Tallarook Adults \$5 U16s Free**



This is the first of a number of movies that BEAM plans to show this year, aiming to inform & more importantly inspire you to express what matters to you and take action in the areas that you see as important.

The Forest Defenders are people who care deeply about the Takayna/Tarkine Forest in north western Tasmania. They have taken a stand to preserve the forest that they love.

Given that Vic Forests are planning to start "harvesting" in the Tallarook Forest very soon BEAM thought that this movie was a perfect fit!

Everyone is invited to come along, watch the movie, get to know others who care about the environment and enjoy a light supper afterwards (COVID restrictions permitting!)

Book online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/forest-defender-screening-at-tallarook-mechanics-hall-tickets-144794503257>




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### Why Do Wombats have Square Poo?

Some have thought that wombats must have a square shaped anal sphincter, whereby the faeces are squeezed between the pelvic bones.



The real reason is that everything happens much earlier, the cube shapes are actually formed in their intestines.

This is the findings of research at the University of Tasmania and published in the scientific journal, *Soft Matter*. (Courtesy *Guardian Weekly* 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021)

It certainly discounts the old conspiracy theory that claims that after they have done their business, the wombats pat it all into nice squares, presumably to ensure that their droppings are not confused with that of kangaroos!

Thanks to Stuart Reid for this enlightenment.

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