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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Happy New Year for 2022 and let's hope, despite the current national Covid situation, that it improves exponentially as the year progresses. If you haven't already booked for a booster vaccination, put yourself on a wait list now. Personally, I'm looking forward to February 3rd for jab #3.

This issue is absolutely chocka-block with new events coming up over the next few weeks as well as introducing the newest facilitator for the HCCC, a new local business and the ongoing story of 3 little Grey Shrike Thrushes.

So without any further ado I hope that you enjoy reading the first issue of The Granite News for 2022 and take care to stay safe and well.

Until the next issue of TGN... **Pauline**

And Kenny Koala ... is all set to find a hiding spot in this issue.



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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

Welcome to Vanessa Malandrin

Starting from February 2022 Vanessa Malandrin is joining the HCCC Landcare Group and will be involved in the Collaborative Carbon Project. Vanessa holds a Masters degree in Ag Science (Italy) and has completed further studies in The Netherlands and in Spain.

Before coming to Australia at the end of 2015, she worked for ten years as an academic at the University of Pisa.

She is vice president of BEAM - Mitchell Environment Group and with its support in 2020-2021 she has coordinated the project "Composting and Planting for Climate Resilience", in collaboration with Seymour College (Initiative funded by the DELWP) through the Community mini-grants - Climate Ready Hume program).

We look forward to Vanessa sharing her expertise and knowledge with the HCCC community and assisting landholders to develop their own knowledge base in the process.



SAVE the DATE — Sunday 20th February @ noon for Lunch & HCCC AGM at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy. Everyone is welcome!!

Let's laugh



"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. The greatest danger to our future is apathy."

Dame Jane Goodall - anthropologist

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
December	22 mm	30 mm
2021 Total	889.6 mm	944 mm
December Rain Days	6 Days	5 Days

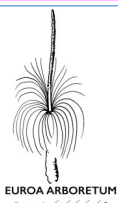
Post Covid - Post Carbon

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

WHAT'S ON — January & February 2022 NB: COVID—double vaccinated will apply to all events

 Thursday 20th January 6 - 7.30pm	<i>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES COMMENCE</i> at Highlands Community Hall Come along to Sandra's very first yoga class in Highlands. Bookings via website www.yoursurya.com
Thursday 21st January @ 7.30pm	<i>ROTARY CLUB of YEA 50th ART SHOW</i> at Yea Town Hall Everyone is welcome to attend the opening night of the 50th Yea Art Show. See p.5 for more details.
Thursday 27th January @ 5.30pm	<i>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</i> at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
 Friday 4th February from 6pm	<i>RUFFY FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</i> at Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! Enquires: Alex 0430 530319 or tccruffy@gmail.com
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February 10-4	<i>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</i> 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.
 Wednesday 9th February @ 9.30am	<i>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</i> 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.
 Friday 11th February @ 6.30pm	<i>DRINKS ON THE DECK</i> 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.
 Monday 14th February @ 11am	<i>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</i> The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2022 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, @ the same time and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
 Saturday 19th February from 10-12	<i>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</i> at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366 NB: Please come only if you have had your second Covid vaccination, thanks
Sunday 20th February @ noon	<i>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</i> at TCC @ Ruffy The next meeting of the HCCC will commence with a light lunch, prior to the AGM and a short general meeting being held. This will be followed by an informative presentation outlining the progress to date of the new HCCC communications system. All welcome. Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473
Sunday 27th February noon for 1pm lunch	<i>YEA ARTS Inc. present the Improv Comedy 'CLUB RAFFLE'</i> at Highlands Hall Come along for a fun afternoon, with yummy food, excellent wines and an entertaining participatory time with Jim and Glenn and their take on the AFL. Bookings essential, see p.4 for more details.
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<i>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</i> 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 at Highlands in February on these dates - 9th & 23rd.
Every Monday @ 10 am	<i>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</i> at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. NB: Qigong has returned on January 10. For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400



Euroa Arboretum - Growing back the bush

Do you know that the Euroa Arboretum also includes the Goulburn Indigenous Seedbank?
 The Euroa Arboretum Nursery provides high quality, ethical, climate-suitable native plants that are ideal for gardeners in rural and urban environments. Why not check out their website and place your 2022 orders now... www.euroaarboretum.com.au

Thank you

Thank you to the Highlands community for all your support of our daughter Eden after the recent tragic death of her husband and friend, Mark. He will be sadly missed. Mark was a wonderful man who loved to help others, especially his loving family.



TGN readers may remember the wedding held during lockdown at the Highlands Hall in July 2020 between Eden and Mark. Just 5 months ago they became loving parents to a new daughter Alice who, with her older sister Ava, made their family complete. Condolences to Eden, Ava and Alice as well as Larry & Jan Taylor of Highlands and Margaret & Don McMillan of Scotland on the tragic loss of Mark. Ed.

Seymour Agricultural & Pastoral Society

SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for a 12 month scholarship of \$3000 for young people aged 17-25 years in the Seymour region studying or planning to study in any agricultural or sustainable resource management field at a tertiary level. Other areas of study which will benefit the rural community will be considered.

Applications close: January 30th 2022.

Seymour A&P Society Scholarship,
PO Box 6, Seymour, VIC, 3661
or phone 0438 577 126 or 0428 969 255
or email applications to: jldalziel2@bigpond.com



Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Applications by Australian farmers are now invited for **Round 2 of the Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot**. Successful applicants will receive payment for plantings that deliver biodiversity and carbon abatement. **Closing date—3rd March 2022.** For more information visit - <https://www.awe.gov.au/.../carbon-biodiversity-pilot...>

Your Surya Yoga

My name is Sandra and I am an architect by trade. Yoga entered my life over 7 years ago and has become my guidance in life.

Last year I decided to take the big leap and explore what it means to teach Yoga and how I can share the knowledge and experience I gained to help others in finding their peace and happiness. The experience was phenomenal, and I decided to commence the year of 2022 by teaching in Highlands and Marysville. I am very excited to continue learning as a student of Yoga and to share with others who join this amazing journey.

My website is: yoursurya.com

Class schedules and prices are located on my website, and **bookings are essential.**



www.yoursurya.com

As I run my own architectural practice, work requires me to travel at times, hence why it is very important for everyone to check the schedule and book classes via the website. **Classes will usually run on Thursday evenings at the Highlands Hall from 6-7.30pm and commence on Thursday 20/1/22.**

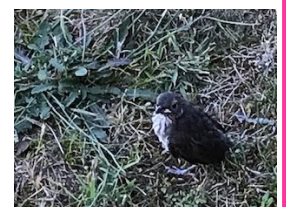
The Grey Shrike Thrush Story continues...

In the last issue of Granite News in 2021, 3 speckled eggs were featured on page 1. A Grey Shrike Thrush had decided to make use of our old shredder to create a secure and snug nest for her eggs. About 2 weeks later 3 very scrawny hatchlings emerged from those eggs and a week later were ready to fly away.



I have never had the opportunity to see baby birds hatch and develop up close before and it was a delightful experience. From 3 very scrawny, pink scraps of skin and emerging feathers they fledged in a week &

one day were just gone. Absolutely magic. Ed.



Yea Arts Inc. PRESENTS Club Raffle @ Highlands Hall on Sunday 27th February

After several years of staging quality Art entertainment in and around Yea, Yea Arts Inc is bringing an Improv Comedy called Club Raffle, featuring Jim Lawson and Glenn Manton, up the hill to Highlands.

The event will take the form of a relaxing lunch with Sedona wines and other drinks available for purchase. There will also be live background music throughout the day. A synopsis of the afternoon's entertainment...

After a few miserable years banished to the outer, two wannabe football coaches are reduced to a mass of barely contained anticipation when the AFL finally call with a possible offer of redemption. The Daft Duo have been appointed as heads of a new "Investigative Arm" of the AFL intended to open discussions with fans about some of the problems dogging the game and dispel some of the unsavoury attitudes and rumours making the AFL look bad in the press. How could they possibly think Glenn and Jim could help?

Why not come along and participate in this comedic production. Yea Arts have deliberately reduced the usual ticket price of \$35 to \$25 (+ \$25 for lunch) to say thank you to the supporters of the Arts in our community and to encourage support for the struggling artists who have been so impacted by Covid 19 restrictions.

* When - Sunday 27th February

* Where - Highlands Hall

* What time - 12 noon for 1pm lunch

* Cost - \$50 which includes lunch

* Want more info? - 0411 433702 and ask for Bob

Recognising Scarred Trees

by Kirsty Waugh & Michael Sherwen (in CFA Brigade magazine)

Aboriginal people caused scars on trees by removing bark for various purposes. The scars, which vary in size, expose the sapwood on the trunk or branch of a tree. The bark removed was traditionally used to build canoes, coolamons, shields and shelter. As wood is susceptible to rotting, museums across Victoria house only a small number of artefacts that have been built from scarred trees.

Culturally significant trees provide valuable clues about how and where First Nations people used to live and the use of perishable materials. They are often located near other important archaeological sites. Scarred trees provide Aboriginal people today with an important link to their culture and their past.

Characteristics of a scarred tree

- The tree is usually over 150 years old and is a native species endemic to particular regions
- Species range within a localised forest type
- The scar is reasonably regular in shape, often with parallel sides and slightly pointed or rounded ends and usually stops above ground level
- The exposed sapwood at the base and occasionally at the top of the scar may show stone or axe marks
- The exposed sapwood is free of tree knots branches or evidence of a branch being at the top of the scar
- Scarred trees often have epicormic stem regrowth at the base of the scar

Some scar trees were made by other human activities. European settlers removed bark from trees to build huts. Boundary or survey markers made by settlers also caused scars. In addition, some scars are created through natural processes such as fire, lightning, storms and floods.



Identification of scarred trees

Scars can be produced by a range of different means eg: disease, rubbing from other branches, wildlife activity, creation of bulldozed tracks, European Historical Heritage or an early boundary marker - look for a large bolt or tag. Other observations might include how thick is the regrowth around the scar and is the tree old enough?

If you think you've found a scarred tree on your property contacting the Taungurung Clans' office in Broadford on 5784 1433 is the next step for verification of this special piece of cultural history.

Ruffy Hall Restoration Project Update

This community project got off to a fabulous start at the beginning of this year, with wonderful support for all our fundraising efforts from the locals as well as the wider community.

We now have a "Fundraising Thermometer" installed in the notice board at the front of the hall. You will see that the Raffle raised \$1083, Livestock donations and sale \$1116, and Community Cash donations \$5320, a terrific effort. The thermometer is a great visual reminder of how far we have come with our fundraising efforts in basically the first six months of this year.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions our fundraising plans for the second half of 2021 have been postponed until 2022. The **Felt Making Workshop** will now take place on **Sunday 30th January 2022**, contact is **Pam Bannister 0411 217476**. It was fully booked but with the change of date there may be some cancellations, so call her.

The 2021 Ruffy Calendar has been postponed to 2022. We are seeking significant historical photos as well as more recent work, contact is Bex rebekahsjs@gmail.com

We are also planning an Autumn Artists Dinner and Auction. This will be an opportunity to enjoy a fabulous dinner with local wines, meet an artist and buy their work, all proceeds to the Restoration Fund. Contact Sharron sharronbatt@gmail.com

A very big thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers in 2021 - those of you who donated sheep, donated raffle prizes, sold raffle tickets, bought raffle tickets or made cash donations. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events in 2022.

Wishing you all an exciting and prosperous New Year, all the best from Ruffy Hall Committee of Management.



Thank you to all who have enquired after my health regarding my recent surgery. Much appreciated.
Jan Taylor



ROTARY CLUB OF YEA ART SHOW

Jan 21 – Jan 26 2022 Yea Shire Hall, Yea.

www.yearotary.org.au

The Rotary Club of Yea is pleased to be hosting their 36th Annual Art Show in the Yea Shire Hall, main Street Yea from Friday 21st January 2022 until Wednesday 26th January 2022. Prizes this year total \$7250 so you are guaranteed some terrific art work to view and purchase.

For just \$5 entry which includes a catalogue, you will be able to view some excellent artwork. **Entry each day is 10am to 5pm, except for Wednesday 26th January, when doors close at 3pm.** Tickets for opening night and daily entry can be bought at the door or prepaid at www.trybooking.com/BUOTK

STILL WANTED !!

HCCC is constructing a website & wants to populate it...

* with local photographs

* by local photographers

Do **YOU** have any high resolution, good quality and interesting photos of our local area or features?

If **YES** then please send them to editor@tgn.org.au **before the end of February 2022.**

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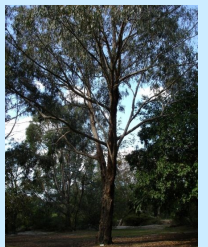
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