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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

A BIG thank you to Zara who has offered to type up the hard copy HCCC Landcare documents into something more usable and 21stC that can be included on the new website. Your expertise is most appreciated. A temporary home in the Highlands for Archie would also be appreciated if anyone has or knows of any under-utilised accommodation. See p.2 for more details.

Don't forget that TGN will have its usual school holiday hiatus and next week will be the last issue until **April 24th**, so plan ahead for any articles or forthcoming diary dates.

Until the next issue of TGN... **Pauline**  
And Kenny Koala ... was enjoying the felting class



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## HCCC News

Following on from last week's plans for HCCC...

### Facilitator's Report from AGM - Neil van Buuren

After 2 years of covid impacted activity things started to get back to normal over the last 6 months. Here are the HCCC's planned projects for the next year.



### Bio Security Project

#### Phase 1

Engage with the community through Landcare meeting & the local newsletter, the Granite News, to announce the details of the project. This will be done in conjunction with a survey to help identify areas of concern. The focus is around creeks, rivers and bogs where pest animals and weeds have degraded the land and increased the risks of water contamination.

#### Phase 2

Select 3 – 6 sites that will be the demonstration sites. The selection will involve meeting with landowners & getting a commitment for on going work to improve the land.

#### Phase 3

Measuring the true extent of the problem, this will involve aerial photos, videos of the site using drones and wildlife cameras.

Identification of weeds

A workshop with the community to announce the findings.

#### Phase 4

On-ground works clearing weeds, fencing,

Field day at the conclusion of work

**Total project time = 46 weeks >>p.3**



**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








## Post Covid - Post Carbon

### Did you know?

By the last decade of the 19thC scientists were very confident that carbon dioxide was responsible for setting the temperature of Earth's atmosphere. In 1894 Swedish geologist Arvid Hogbom was able to explain the Carbon Cycle (basically how carbon atoms move around in the biosphere—see p.5 for diagram) This meant in 1896 his colleague, Svante Arrhenius, after doing 10s of 1000s of calculations concluded that human activity was definitely warming the Earth. In 1906 he fine tuned his work predicting “Any doubling of the percentage of carbon dioxide in the air...cont. p.5

## Community Notices

**WHAT'S ON — March & April 2022** **NB: COVID—double vaccinated will apply to all events**

Thursday 31st March @ 5.30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	at Caveat Church
 Friday 1st April @ 6pm	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</b> It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights!	at Tablelands Community Centre <b>Enquires: 0427 690970 or <a href="mailto:tcruddy@gmail.com">tcruddy@gmail.com</a></b>
 Friday 1st April 6-8pm	<b>CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES &amp; ADAPTATIONS</b> The first in a trilogy of public information sessions - more details see last week's TGN for details.	at YWDC, 2 Hood St, Yea
Saturday 2nd April all day	<b>CYCLE DINDI</b> Cycle Dindi, a fully-supported, family-friendly bike ride is a great excuse to explore the GVRT.	along the Great Victorian Rail Trail
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd April 10-4	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> Darren's studio, with his creative works is now open on the first weekend each month.	Yea Butter Factory, Rattray St Yea <b>NB: New location !</b>
 Sunday 3rd April @10am	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district.	meeting at Highlands Hall <b>Enquiries: Andrew Shaw 04372 49038 or Robyn Lingard 0409 528235</b>
Monday 4th April @ 3.30 for 4pm	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING</b> Members of Creighton's Creek, Ruffy, Terip and Longwood East NHW groups are invited to attend this quarterly meeting. See last week's TGN for more details or ring <b>Rob Jamieson 0401 993681</b>	at Creighton's Creek Hall/CFA Shed-
Friday 8th April @ 5.30pm	<b>Murrindindi Library Service presents—ON THE ROAD</b> Everyone is welcome to attend this annual feast of excellent books, DVDs, etc—more details to come	at Highlands Community Hall
Friday 8th April @ 6.30pm	<b>HIGHLANDS – CAVEAT RFB AGM</b> All brigade members and local community are invited to attend the very short, sharp and stress-free HCRFB's AGM. Sandwiched between books and beers, come for one and stay on for the others. All nominations for positions please contact the secretary - <a href="mailto:cometdh88@hotmail.com">cometdh88@hotmail.com</a> or <b>0422 217904</b>	at Highlands Community Hall
 Friday 8th April @ approx.7pm	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> Starts at 7ish this night 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.	at Highlands Community Hall <b>Contact Paula 0419 551882</b>
 Every Thursday 6—7.30pm	<b>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES in 2022</b> Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website	at Highlands Community Hall
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> 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 back at Highlands on April 6th &amp; 20th and May 4th &amp; 18th.</b>	at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	<b>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</b> Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. <b>For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400</b>	at Tablelands Community Centre

### Can anyone help Archie?

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** - Does anyone have a cottage or granny flat Archie can rent? He is of modest means but one of the world's true gentleman. Please call Archie after mid-day if you have, or know of anything, available in the Highlands.

Archie - 0499 744 464      Thanks.



### Darren Gilbert - Open Studio

A very unorganised open studio of artwork and sculptures @ the Yea Butter Factory.

**Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd April**

**10.00am to 4.00pm each day**

**Yea Butter Factory**

**13 Rattray Street, Yea 3717**

Open every first weekend of the month.

Up to date Open Studio days & times

on [www.monkeytaildesign.com](http://www.monkeytaildesign.com) and social media.





## Buon Appetito !

Last Sunday 10 lucky locals had the most fabulous experience. Learning about Italian cooking with Pina as the teacher and Ernesto as the support person. Who could ask for anything more. We felt so spoilt. Delicious Italian food, wine, music.

Thank you so much P&E xxx



And the question needs to be asked is there going to be another Italian cooking experience?

Hope so!

It looks delicious. Ed.

## HCCC Facilitator's Report... cont. from p.1 Regen Ag Project

**Stage 1** - community engagement, agro ecologist to transfer knowledge, on the benefits of regeneration of soils

**Stage 2** - selection of demonstration sites

**Stage 3** - testing soils

**Stage 4** - 3 days of workshops for the community

**Stage 5** - evaluation of work and -

The main project was the soil carbon farming project. Three farms have demonstration sites and there has been a soil pit demonstration day as well as a workshop at Ruffy.

Facilitator funding, Bio Security funding and Regen Agriculture funding has been sought.

### What's Next ?

Planning is now underway for the next 2 to 3 years

HCCC conducted a survey of our members in 2018 to develop a plan for action, we asked you what was important & what we should focus on. We are planning a new survey based on the outcomes of the last one to further fine tune are actions for the next 2 years.

In the next survey we are looking for project ideas and what is important to our members.

### The top 10 things you said were important in the last survey

1. Protecting rivers, creeks, bogs, and wetlands
2. Protecting remnant vegetation
3. **Adaptation to climate change**
4. **Need for financial support for projects & Landcare staff**
5. **Establishing new tree plantings**
6. **Maintaining pest animal, and weed management**
7. **Soil health decline and pasture deterioration**
8. Protecting paddock trees and growing new ones
9. The need for education and technical support
10. Establishing native shelterbelts

Currently we are funded to tackle 5 of the top ten issues, these are highlighted in bold.

In next week's TGN the ways of tackling these 5 issues will be expanded upon and the Next Phase presented.

Stay tuned....

# INDI CANDIDATE FORUM

Residents of Yea and surrounds, this is your opportunity to hear from our federal election candidates.

Are you concerned about aged care?

Employment opportunities?

Health services?

Mobile phone coverage?

The changing climate?

Come along and ask the candidates about the issues that concern you!

## WHEN

**Monday April 4th**  
**5:30pm – 7pm**

## WHERE

**Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre**  
**2 Hood Street, Yea, Victoria 3717**

## SIX CANDIDATES INVITED

## CANDIDATES

Nadia David (ALP)  
Elizabeth Fisher  
(Nat)  
Benjamin Gilbert (Gr)  
Helen Haines (Ind)  
Ross Lyman (Lib)  
Stephen Williams  
(UAP)

## FREE EVENT

## RSVP

**Call or SMS**

**0428969366**



## YES!! It's on again....

The Ruffy Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal community lunch is ON again!

**Good Friday ( 15 April) 12 midday**  
**Ruffy Fire Station**

Auctions and Raffles and Easter Eggs !!

**Enquiries: Felicity Sloman**

**0413483450**



## ACOUSTIC ADVICE NEEDED

Does anyone have knowledge about acoustics???

The Highlands Hall committee is badly in need of some very cheap/almost free advice about how to improve the acoustics in the Highlands Hall. It appears that some of our community members are getting older, shocking to hear I know. Some of us, not all I admit, are finding it increasingly difficult to hear anything with the sound bouncing around the walls. As one of these slightly aging members I would really appreciate information on how to fix this extremely irritating problem. Any thoughts, other than hearing aids, would be appreciated.

**Miranda (0408969261)**

[miranda.yorston@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.yorston@gmail.com)

## Farm Chemical Users with 1080 Endorsement Course

The UGLN are running a subsidised course for landowners who wish to learn about the safe use of pest plant and animal control chemicals on their land. The course will qualify attendees for the Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP) with 1080 endorsement.

### Dates:

Farm Chemical Users Course – 9am to 4pm - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of April

1080 Endorsement - 3hrs Wednesday evening 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Where:** Flowerdale Community Hall 3380 Whittlesea-Yea Rd Flowerdale  
**Administration fee.**

\$30 for Landcare members

\$50 non-Landcare members

Refreshments & light lunch provided.

**Numbers are limited. To register contact:**

**Chris Cobern - Landcare Facilitator Ph. 0413 855 490**

[ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net)

This course has been funded by the Victorian State Government.



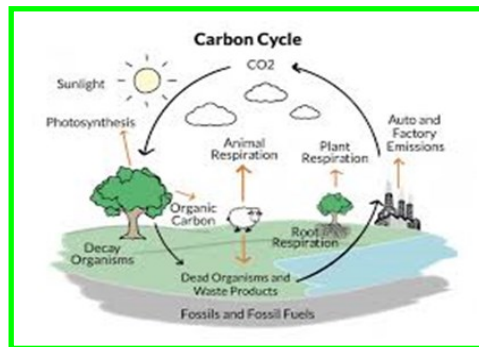
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linking communities





## It's the Friday Trifecta!!

For those of you a little confused over not 1, not 2 but 3, yes 3 events happening at the Highlands Hall on **Friday 8th April** it's not a typo on the calendar but a succession of very important and social community events. First up from 5.30-6.30 is the Murrindindi Library Service's On The Road presentation, followed by the Highlands-Caveat RFB's AGM & concluding with the usual Drinks on the Deck! Why not come to all 3?



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



To celebrate National Volunteer Week (16 - 22 May) and to help community groups and organisations recruit more volunteers, Council will be showcasing some of our wonderful volunteers to recognise the important work they do. If you are a volunteer, or you know someone who is, and have an experience you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you!

We'll also be putting together a list of community groups and organisations seeking volunteers to help community members find a volunteer group that suits them!

To share your experience as a volunteer or to add your organisation or group to our list, all you need to do is complete a form on our online engagement platform, The Loop, at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/callout](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/callout)

If you'd prefer to fill out a paper form, drop into one of our Library and Customer Service Centres or give Council a call on 5772 0333.

Submissions are open until Monday 18 April.



## Did you know? ... from p.1

"would raise the temperature of the Earth's surface by 4 degrees Celsius" This is impressively close to current predictions.

However, Arrhenius missed the mark when he predicted it would take humanity 3,000 years to increase atmospheric carbon dioxide levels by 50%.

In the 120+ years since 1900 Earth's carbon dioxide levels have already been raised by **40%!**



## A Time for Reflection as ANZAC Day draws near

Three ANZAC soldiers, from the Strathbogie Shire were awarded the Victoria Cross in honour of their bravery and daring on the battlefield in both the Boer War and WWI. Sadly all 3 were casualties of war but their deeds are recognised at a memorial in Euroa, and by some local geographical features.

### Lieutenant Leslie Cecil Maygar VC, DSO, VD (1868-1917)

Les Maygar earned his Victoria Cross in the Boer War and was one of only 6 Australians to do so. According to the Euroa Advertiser it was, "...for especial gallantry. The action for which Lt Maygar receives the cross 'For Valour' was performed in a fight at Grelhoutboom. One of his men was left dishorsed on an open plain, under heavy Boer fire and Lt Maygar, dismounting, placed the man on his horse, himself running the gauntlet of the Boer fire on foot, until he could

reach cover."

Apparently it came as no surprise to his fellow comrades or his friends and family that Maygar would put himself into such a perilous situation, such was his devotion to God, King and Country. His mother, residing at Strathearn, Ruffy was particularly proud of his actions and "received numerous congratulations on the honour conferred on her brave son."

When WWI broke out he enlisted and served with the 8th Australian Light Horse Regiment receiving further distinctions, being Mentioned in Dispatches—3 times and attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Sadly this time he didn't make it home. Aged 49 he died (1/11/1917) waiting in reserve with his regiment and lies in the Beersheba War Cemetery.

**Maygar's Hill**, just north of Old Longwood, is named in his honour.

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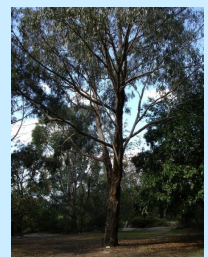
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