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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Where has the first quarter of the year disappeared to? This year seems to be going faster than the last two years and people are definitely getting out and about. With Easter just around the corner, followed by the ANZAC Day weekend it will be May before we know it.

Don't forget that the next issue of TGN will be 24th April, so plan ahead for any articles or diary dates that need inclusion as this week's TGN is chocker block with great reading and no doubt the next one will be too.

Until the next issue of TGN, have a great and safe Easter... **Pauline** And Kenny Koala ... was enjoying Pina's delicious Italian cooking



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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

Continuing Facilitator Neil Van Buuren's AGM Report from last week...

Adaptation to climate change and improving Soil health decline and pasture deterioration

This has been tackled by the Soil Carbon project and newly funded Regen Agriculture project which has been underway for 2 years with a small hiatus due to Covid restrictions. The HCCC is hoping to continue this work with further funding once the first project is completed in 12 months



The need for financial support for projects & Landcare staff

HCCC was successful in receiving a 3-year grant to cover the employment of 2 part time facilitators

Establishing new tree plantings

Over the last 2 years HCCC has distributed over a thousand trees, free of charge, to enhance the environment and provide shelter and feed for native fauna

Maintaining funding for the control pest animal & weed management

HCCC has received further funding to help control and eradicate weeds and pest animals

Next Phase – New survey

To help the committee to develop our plans we will conducting a survey to gauge what the members want from their Landcare network

In our next stage of planning, we are looking at the next 5 priorities

Protecting rivers, creeks, bogs, and wetlands

- Improving the habitat value of farms, and looking at the biodiversity of farm dams that are protected from farm animals

Continued on p.3

"As the world warms, intolerance grows and war blights the lives of so many. We need to look after each other more than ever."

Chris Riddell

UK Illustrator and Cartoonist

Let's laugh



Post Covid - Post Carbon


Did you know?

In 2020-21 the fossil fuel industry was subsidised to the tune of **\$10.3 billion** by the Australian Government.

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
March	49.3 mm	48 mm
2022 Total	115.5 mm	160 mm
March Rain Days	6 Days	6 Days

Community Notices

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

Monday 4th April @ 3.30 for 4pm	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING at Creighton's Creek Hall/CFA Shed- 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 Rob Jamieson 0401 993681
Tuesday 5th April @ 10-10.45am	SAY HI TO HELEN at Highlands Community Hall Everyone is welcome to chat with Indi's local representative, Dr Helen Haines. See p.3 for more details
Friday 8th April @ 5.30pm	Murrindindi Library Service presents—ON THE ROAD at Highlands Community Hall Everyone is welcome to attend this annual feast of excellent books, DVDs, etc—see p.4 for details
Friday 8th April @ 6.30pm 	HIGHLANDS – CAVEAT RFB AGM at Highlands Community Hall 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 - cometdh88@hotmail.com or 0422 217904
 Friday 8th April @ approx.7pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall 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. Contact Paula 0419 551882
 Monday 11th April @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2022 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Thursday 14th April @ 7pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Caveat Church The next meeting will be at the Caveat Church at 7.00pm. All welcome. Enquiries? - Justus 0427 524473
Friday 15th April @ 12.30	RUFFY CFA SEAFOOD LUNCHEON - It's Back! See p. 3 for all the details!
 Sunday 24th April @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meeting at Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquires: Andrew Shaw 04372 49038 or Robyn Lingard 0409 528235
Monday 25th April @ 11	Terip Terip ANZAC Day Service with lunch to follow see p.5 for more details
 Every Thursday 6—7.30pm	YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES in 2022 at Highlands Community Hall Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website
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 back at Highlands on April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400

A Couple of weeks ago TGN published a Letter to the Editor from Jeremy Dowzer about his dad, Colin. I am now delighted to publish a letter from Colin himself.

Dear All,

As many of you know, just over a week ago, I had said all my goodbyes, even the Doctors thought I wouldn't make it until morning.

But after a dose of immunotherapy I feel better than I have in many years. It will take a bit of time to get my strength back, however today marks my first outing for coffee and a pastry since December last year.

I'm conscious that the world is in turmoil ... war, floods and Will Smith beating up comedians at The Oscars but a gentle reminder:

NEVER GIVE UP! Love from Colin.





It's Baaaack !!

Ruffy CFA Seafood Luncheon & Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Good Friday April 15th..From 12:30pm
At the Ruffy Fire Shed
Fish & Chips, Salads & Desserts
Adults \$20 Kids \$5 (under 16)

Everyone is Welcome..bring family & friends,
there'll be something for everyone
* **Jumping Castle** * **Easter Egg Hunt**
* **Royal Children's Hospital Raffle**
* **Ruffy Fire Brigade Silent Auction** including
Hay, Wine, Laying Chickens, Firewood & more !
* **Official unveiling of the community-funded Big-Fill Fire Pump**
For more information contact
Felicity 0413 483 450
George 0432 928 301



HCCC Facilitator's Report - from p.1

- Part funding for fencing of bogs and permanent farms dams especially ones that are spring fed

Protecting paddock trees & growing new ones

- Funding for guarding of paddock trees and establishing a register of paddock trees that are significant and require protection

- Availability of mature trees for planting

The need for education and technical support

This is an open ended subject, and we are looking at areas of interest

- Adaption to low rainfall and extremes of temperatures
- Impacts of mental health of farmers
- Niche farm production and value adding
- Assistance to weekend and part-time farmers especially those new to farm ownership
- Improving soil health and fertility
- Disaster recovery planning after fires, floods and other severe weather events

Establishing native shelterbelts and Protecting remnant vegetation

- Further work supplying trees, direct seeding, targeting shelterbelts, which could further enhance old plantings or establish new ones.

Highlands Hall Acoustics

Thank you to the number of people who replied to our plea for help about the acoustics in the Highlands Hall. We have a lot of thoughtful and also knowledgeable people in our community. Your advice has been really helpful and hopefully we are now well on the way to resolving the problem. Next we'll just have to raise the money to do it! I'll keep you posted.

Miranda

Say Hi to Helen!

What issues are most important to you?

As your Independent Federal Member for Indi, **I represent you. And I want to hear from you.**

Tuesday 5th April
Highlands Community Hall
10am-10.45am
All welcome



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Thank you

To the Granite News newspaper editor, I would like to thank the person who submitted the pictures and the person who wrote the article about Mum's 85th birthday celebrations. It was very interesting and entertaining, a laugh was had by all. Neither of us realised that so much happened during that important year, and of course Mum didn't realise photos were been taken either. Thank you again from the Nagle Family.

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



And the Scholarship winner is....

Each year Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society offers a generous scholarship to assist a student from our area with their tertiary studies. The Society is happy to announce that **the winner for 2022 is Darcie Hanson of Broadford.**

Darcie is currently studying for an Advanced Diploma in Agribusiness Management at Longerenong College at Horsham in Western Victoria.



Since beginning her course, Darcie has seen her interest in agronomy & cropping develop. On completing her studies she hopes to work as an agronomist to help farmers fine tune their operations to maximize yields, improve the structure and health of their soils and best manage the inputs to the production cycle.

Darcie says "As a female in the industry I hope to encourage young women to take up studies and jobs in agriculture, particularly women like myself who haven't come from a farming background"

The Seymour Agricultural and Pastoral Society congratulates Darcie and wishes her every success in her endeavours.

For those who would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, donations are tax deductible. For details and enquiries jldalziel2@bigpond.com

Letter to the Editor - The Silence of God

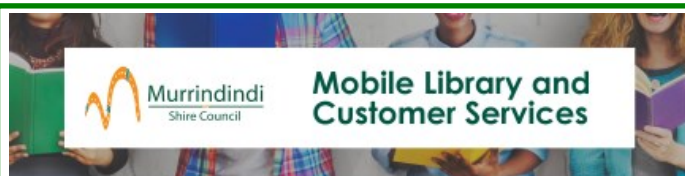
I can't remember a time when there was so much going wrong in the world. The list is long; a climate and sustainability crisis, droughts, floods, fires, migration crises, and now war. What is adding to the tragedy is the absence of imaginative and courageous leadership both here and across the world. Certainly, we are living in very uncertain times that evoke many different emotions, anger, fear and despair to mention a few.

For some people the silence of God must be deafening, echoing Jesus' words on the cross, 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me' (Matthew 27:46). There was no divine rescue for Jesus, there will be no divine rescue for us. We humans are really on our own. What the Jesus story teaches us is that life is about sharing in the suffering of others. It is being there together with each other when the need is greatest.

Reflecting on what happened in the recent East coast floods, it is clear that the structures and mechanisms we have set in place to deal with such events were simply not enough. What saved the situation was the kindness, heroic kindness of ordinary people, who were truly there for those most in need. This is not to discount the work of the rescue services, but to simply say that in the end it is human kindness whatever the shape that saved the day and I suspect will be the key to an effective recovery.

We may not look to God for rescue, and looking to governments is sometimes problematic, the truly divine act is standing beside our fellow humans in their greatest need, to weep with them until we taste the salt of their tears and their agony.

Stuart Reid - Highlands



On the Road



Join us at the Highlands Community Hall for an evening of 'On The Road'. Real people talking about real books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs and other great works.

5.30 - 6.30 pm | Friday 8 April
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1603 Ghin-Ghin Road, Highlands

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A Time for Reflection on ANZAC Day



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 Frederick Harold Tubb VC (1881-1917)

Frederick Tubb was born at Longwood and became the manager of his father's grazing property. As a keen member of the Militia he was appointed to the 7th Battalion AIF as a 2nd Lieutenant & was promoted to a full Lieutenant in February 1915. He fought at both Gallipoli, where he won the Victoria Cross and subsequently on the Western Front where he died.

Tubb was awarded the VC, along with two other soldiers, after they displayed exceptional bravery repelling a Turkish advance at Lone Pine on August 9th 1915. During the Lone Pine attack the Turks made a determined counter attack on the captured trenches

held by Lt F.H. Tubb and men of the 7th Battalion. A bomb attack succeeded in blowing the barricade and wounding Tubb on the head, but all 3 ANZACs succeeded in not only repelling the attack but rebuilding the barricade not once, not twice but three times under enemy fire.

After a brief visit to Australia he rejoined his Battalion in France in 1916 and was promoted to the rank of Major in February 1917. He was severely wounded in action at Polygon Wood on 27th September 1917 and died later that evening at the dressing station. He is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium. Tubb's Hill on the Hume Freeway bears his name.

Euroa Arboretum is calling for Volunteers to help plant out... the Mounds!



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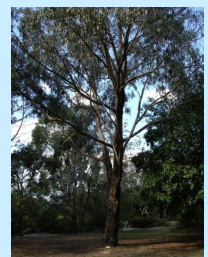
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