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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Welcome back to The Granite News for the second quarter of the year. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the Easter break along with this current long weekend. As expected this issue is chocka-block with local events and information, so read on. Until the next issue of TGN ... **Pauline And Kenny Koala** ... was looking forward to the MSC library's On the Road



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Say Hello to Helen at Highlands



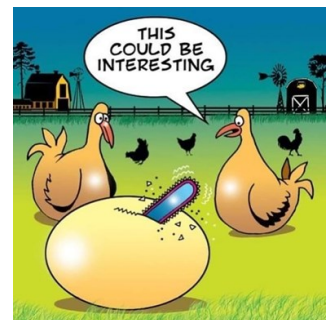
On Tuesday 5th April Highlands locals were pleased to have the opportunity to meet Helen Haines, our sitting member (Indi) in Federal Parliament. Helen talked about her priorities including more mobile towers to cover dead spots, affordable housing and better access to health services for our area. She was keen to hear our concerns and was very positive about our area and the energetic people who live here. We really appreciated the opportunity to listen and be heard.
Miranda

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**

"Out beyond ideas of wrong doing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there."

Rumi (1207 - 1273)
Persian poet and scholar

Let's
laugh



Post Covid - Post Carbon

Did you know?

In 1938 English engineer, inventor and scientist Guy Callendar showed the link between temperature and carbon dioxide. After years collecting data from around the planet he was able to demonstrate that rising CO₂ levels were linked to burning fossil fuels and thus rising temperatures. In Australia... Just 45,000 people are employed in the Coal & Gas industry **BUT** 100,000 people are employed by McDonalds!

BushBank to Regenerate Habitat







The Victorian State Government is transforming parcels of private land – that combined cover an area five times the size of the City of Melbourne – into new habitats helping Victorian wildlife thrive and capturing carbon. Expressions of interest are being called to partner in the landmark BushBank program, restoring 20,000 hectares of private land and creating more than 100 jobs across Victoria.

The almost \$31 million investment will revegetate and restore our precious biodiversity with millions of trees and shrubs, delivering unique habitats for Victorian wildlife and storing more than 4.5 million tonnes of carbon thanks to the program – integral to Victoria reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. This will generate new opportunities for regional communities and income streams for landowners, driving investment from emerging carbon markets, supporting biodiversity and creating jobs.

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Community Notices

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

 Monday 25th April @ 11	<i>Terip Terip ANZAC Day Service with lunch to follow</i> see p.5 for more details
Thursday 28th April @ 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
Saturday 30th April 5.30—7.30pm	<i>HOME CREEK-SPRING CREEK LANDCARE</i> at Gobur Flora Reserve Discover Gobur's nightlife with Chris Coburn, see p.4 for more details Enquires: Allison 0466 038779
Wednesday 4th May 7.30 for 8pm	<i>STRATHBOGIE GRANITE PROJECT</i> at Swanpool Memorial Hall, Swanpool Geology of the Swanpool District & Strathbogie Ranges talk Enquires: Ian limeaster@bigpond.com
 Friday 6th May @ 6pm	<i>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</i> at Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! Enquires: 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 10-4	<i>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</i> Yea Butter Factory 13 Rattray St, Yea A very unorganised Open Studio of artwork and sculptures each month. www.monkeytaildesign.com
 Monday 9th May @ 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 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
 Friday 13th May @ 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. Contact Paula 0419 551882
 Sunday 22nd May @ 10am	<i>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</i> 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
Sunday 22nd May 1 - 3.30 pm	<i>PEST & ANIMAL PLANT FORUM</i> at Yarck Hall A number of experienced speakers on the control of deer, fox, rabbits, blackberries, cats & European wasps. Further details to come.
 Every Thursday 6—7.30pm	<i>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES in 2022</i> at Highlands Community Hall Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website www.yoursurya.com
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 in Highlands on May 4th & 18th and June 1st, 15th & 29th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	<i>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</i> at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400



FREE TO GOOD HOME

Reo has a full size table tennis table he would like to give away to anyone who would like it

Contact him on **0414 811916**

Don't forget you can buy and sell or give away for free via The Granite News. Thursday evening is the deadline for any ads to go in the following week's TGN.



Airborne gravity survey in 2022 includes Strathbogie Ranges

Airborne gravity data is being collected over large regions of Victoria including the central coast, Melbourne, the Australian Alps and eastern Victoria (see map below). The surveys require flights over diverse land types including urban and rural areas, mountainous and coastal terrain and national and state parks and reserves. There is no ground disturbance, and stakeholders and the general public are being advised of the surveys before they occur in specific areas.

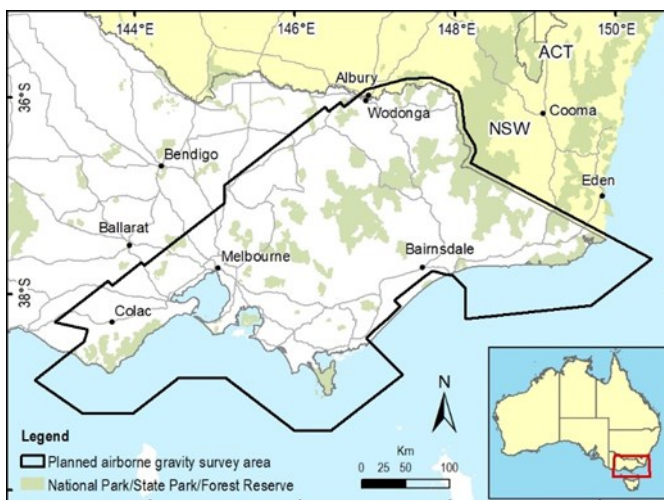
The objective is to collect consistent and evenly distributed gravity measurements. The new survey data will significantly improve Victoria's gravity model and the accuracy of real-world heights from GPS (global positioning systems). The data will also be used by geoscientists to further their understanding of southeast Australia's geological architecture and how it has evolved over time. The data and gravity model will improve height determination from GPS positioning to an accuracy of a few centimetres. The changes will support productive and effective land management and technological innovation and meet community expectations of reliable GPS positioning in Victoria.

The new data will advance the geoscience that assists the Victorian Government to manage its earth resources, infrastructure, and natural hazards. It will also assist the State's resources sector, which contributes to regional jobs and economic growth.

My additional comments: The survey will include the whole extent of the Strathbogie granite including to just northwest of the Hume freeway. We are expecting the gravity data will be valuable within the Strathbogie Granite Project to help resolve some longer-term geological issues, and eventually the results can be shared with the public through community lectures, field trips and short articles. I am not involved in the survey itself but might be able to explain more details if that would be helpful.

The above is a precis of information received from the Victorian Government.

Neil Phillips—Strathbogie Granite Project



BushBank to Regenerate Habitat Continued from p.1

BushBank will also include an initial \$7 million in grants available to Traditional Owner Corporations to lead restoration on Country. The program supports Aboriginal self-determination with opportunities for Traditional Owners to identify priority values and locations for restoration, pursue training and capacity building opportunities, investigate new emissions reduction methodologies for cultural practices, and seek out natural-resource related economic opportunities.



These programs are part of the Government's \$77 million Nature restoration for carbon storage – BushBank program announced in the Victorian Budget 2020/21, which works to restore public and private land across Victoria.

BushBank is supported by the \$15.3 million Victorian Carbon Farming Program, helping landowners to plant agroforestry and shelterbelt trees, access existing carbon markets and drive on-farm benefits and new income streams. The program will play a key role in helping meet the Government's Biodiversity 2037 targets to permanently protect 200,000 hectares of private land and revegetate 200,000 hectares of land in priority areas.

The Government has invested nearly \$500 million towards protecting biodiversity since 2014.

For more information visit: environment.vic.gov.au/bushbank

Saul Griffiths - The BIG Switch

Thanks to a grant from DELWP HUME, 2030Yea and Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre are looking forward to presenting the 2nd of our community talks on Climate Change on **Friday the 29th of April**.

Join Dr Saul Griffith, founder of Rewiring Australia, to talk about his new book *The Big Switch*, where he explains exactly what it would take to transform Australia's infrastructure, update our grid, and adapt our homes while saving households money.

Saul will present his session virtually via Zoom with the session screened live at the Yea Wetlands



Discovery Centre. Andy McCarthy, CEO of RACV Solar, will also present a brief summary of their work in Yea and elsewhere.

Bookings for online viewing or in person attendance are now open -

www.yeawetlands.com.au

Gobur's Nightlife Revealed - A guided tour with Chris Cobern

Join the Home Creek Spring Creek Landcare Group as we investigate the hidden realms of the Gobur Flora Reserve. If tree hollows are an indicator of arboreal life, we should be in for some exciting discoveries.

When: Saturday 30th April Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm approx.

Where: Gobur Flora Reserve, Rowans Rd Gobur



Wear suitable clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a torch. Supper provided

We welcome "quiet" families, landcarers and curious locals.

RSVP - as numbers are limited, so contact Allison by Friday, 29th April. ph 0466 038 779 or allison.spratt8@gmail.com

Covid Safe Rules: All attendees must be fully vaccinated for Covid 19

Do not attend the activity if unwell, especially with cold & flu symptoms

or if you have been in contact with someone in the last 7 days and there was a risk of exposure to Covid 19.

Rural Theft

Recently I received an email from a reader who had their water tank stolen from along the Highlands Rd. Sadly they have had no joy after reporting its loss to the local police.

About the same time the Creighton's Creek Neighbourhood Watch's topic at its most recent meeting was -

Property Security - some food for thought So I thought that I would serialise some of the suggestions and ideas that came out of that meeting in the hope that we can all thwart the next low life that decides someone else's property just has to become theirs. **Ed. Continues p.5**

The topic of the last NHW meeting was Property Security. It was an information and general discussion session and started with attendees nominating some topics they wanted covered. Euroa police attended and offered the police view point on the topics and questions raised.

Topics covered Included:

- Driveway Alarms
- Smart Doorbells
- GPS Tracking Devices
- Security Cameras

FREE 2-DAY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Are you a young person or someone who works, lives or cares for young people? Did you know that 75% of mental health issues occur before the age of 25?

Council is hosting a FREE 2-day Mental Health First Aid course, delivered by mental health professionals who specialise in working with young people, on Saturday 14 and 21 May at the Yea Shire Hall.

The course will focus on skills that can help you to assist someone developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis and make a real difference in your community.

For more information and to register, contact Council's Access and Inclusion Officer, Andrew Langley via email at alangley@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or by calling 5772 0333.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2022 - APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for Council's 2022 Youth Leadership Program!

The Program is all about meeting new people, trying new things and learning lifelong skills. The free, six-month Program provides an exciting opportunity for personal and community development, by giving young people the tools to make meaningful change in their community.

Program participants will attend nine sessions over six months, with a mix of face-to-face and online sessions. The Program requires a commitment of around 5 – 10 hours a month and runs from May to October.

For more information about the Program and to apply, please visit Council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'youth leadership program' or give us a call on 5772 0333.

Places are strictly limited, so get in quick!



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.

Lance Corporal Alexander Burton VC (1893-1915)

Alexander Burton was born in Kyneton but moved with his family to Euroa when his father was offered a job at the Alex Miller Stores. After Alex finished his schooling he started work in the same store.

Although he missed landing at Gallipoli, where his best mate was killed, a week later as part of the 7th Battalion he found himself fighting in several locations—Plateau 400, Krithia, Monash Gully and Steele's Post. He was lucky to survive as long as he did, as by May 22nd 773 soldiers & 35 officers from his Battalion had been killed, wounded or were listed as missing.

Lance Corporal Alexander Burton earned his Victoria

Cross in the same skirmish that Capt. Frederick Tubb earned his on 9th August 1915 in the Lone Pine trenches. ANZACs - Tubb, Burton and Dunstan continued to build and rebuild the sandbag barricade of a newly captured trench whilst under enemy fire. Sadly for Alex he was killed by a bomb undertaking this endeavour and has no known grave, although his name is inscribed on the Lone Pine Memorial. A leadlight window in the Euroa Presbyterian Church was erected by the Burton family as a memorial to Alex and others who fell in WWI.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Everyone,



Next Monday 25th April, we will again be holding our annual **ANZAC Day service** at 11:30 am.

This year we welcome Councillor Eric Lording from Murrindindi Shire as our special guest speaker. Cr Lording will also be representing the **RAAF** as a Flying Officer. He is currently a Corporal in the Australian Airforce Cadets, working as an instructor.

After the service a **BBQ lunch** will be provided, giving everyone a chance to catch up after some long breaks due to COVID. Please bring a salad or sweet to share.

And last but not least our prized "**Anzac Biscuit Bake-off**" will again be held! Bring 6 of your best for judging by Cr Lording.



Looking forward to seeing you there.

Property Security - some food for thought Cont.p4 **Driveway Alarms - Know When Someone Enters Your Property!**

The four most common types are:

- Movement detection** (people/ vehicles) detection can be
 - * movement across the Camera vision or PIR (Passive Infra Red)
 - * heat based movement.
- Light beam** (people/ vehicles/ animals) – similar to what many shops have at the entry door. Movement breaks the light beam.
- Metal Detection** (vehicles) Detects when a metal object passes a probe (probe can be above or below ground)
- Pressure Tape** (vehicle) detects when vehicle drives over tape on ground.

Notification: A signal from the driveway alarm unit is sent to your house, mobile phone or pager unit. The four most common methods by which the signal can be sent are:

- hard wired
- the internet (general using your house internet WIFI),
- Mobile phone network via a SIM card
- the unit's own WIFI signal, (NOTE: distances quoted are under ideal conditions which is often not the case.

These are just two websites to give you some ideas, there are many others: www.bealert.com.au www.alarmaustralia.com.au

NB: This article will be continued in subsequent TGNs.

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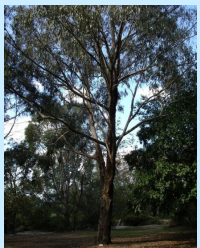
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