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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Each year I include a little article that informs those readers who have signed up to The Granite News in the previous year and, maybe even reminds long-term readers of this weekly epistle, of how we can keep this publication on track for the coming year.

But first of all a bit of a potted history...as can be seen from the top of this page The Granite News is into its 16th year of publication and in that time has been edited by 3 people—Miranda Yorston, Don Cook and now me, Pauline Roberts, since 2018.

Things have changed a lot over those 15 years as TGN commenced life as a hard copy newsletter, being printed at Highlands P.S. folded by volunteers on a Sunday evening and then distributed by the postie on the Monday! With a commencement readership of a little over 200 locals, it now flies through the ether on a Sunday night and reaches over 720 avid readers in multiple states and a couple of different countries as well.

In order for TGN to continue this excellent track record it would be appreciated if the following points could be noted -

1. **Thursday evening is the deadline for inclusion of any articles, ads, items in the next issue of TGN**
2. **Photos and attachments need to be pre-shrunk from MB size to KB size and be in either .jpeg or .png format please, not .pdf. Thanks**
3. **Local contributions are most welcome—who doesn't like reading about Scott's take on local cricket matches or Stuart's ponderings?**
4. **Small ads run for 3 weeks unless sold or the editor is notified**
5. **Priority will be given to local news (within the TGN Tablelands' area or involving Tablelanders) Landcare/environmental issues and interesting, informative and/or entertaining articles, as well as the odd announcement from our 3 local councils that may well be of interest to, or impact upon, our local communities.**

Many thanks for your great support in 2022, I'm looking forward to the year ahead and bringing you an excellent read every week.

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

And Kenny Koala ... was 'hiding' at the end of the Editor's blurb. Sneaky eh



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

or to subscribe on-line go to

www.highlands.org.au

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

Plague, 1665: "Too many rats!"

Plague, 2022: "Not enough RATs!"

Post Covid - Post Carbon

Did you know?

By 1990 over 90% of climate scientists were agreed that Global Warming was caused by humans. This was not a 'thought bubble' or a rash decision but literally the result of decades of accumulated scientific information going back as far as 1824 when Joseph Fourier, a French physicist and mathematician, published his theories about the Earth's atmosphere. He wondered why the Earth's temperature was what it was, not hotter or colder, & realised there were 3 potential heat sources—the Sun, the Earth's core and Space (universe). He also realised that a fourth factor, the Earth's atmosphere could trap heat.

HCCC News

SAVE the DATE — Sunday 20th February @ noon for a light lunch followed by the HCCC AGM at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy.

Everyone is welcome!!










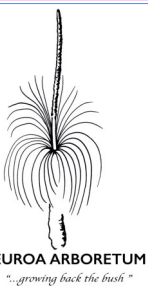
Why not invite your neighbours and friends and come along for a pleasant Sunday afternoon, including an introduction to our new HCCC communications' system!

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

 <p>Thursday 27th January @ 5.30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
 <p>Friday 4th February from 6pm</p>	<p>RUFFY FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ at Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! Enquires: Alex 0430 530319 or tccruffy@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February 10-4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 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.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9th February Cancelled!</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre 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.</p>
 <p>Friday 11th February @ 6.30pm</p>	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK 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.</p>
 <p>Monday 14th February @ 11am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB 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</p>
 <p>Saturday 19th February from 10-12</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET 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</p>
<p>Sunday 20th February @ noon</p> 	<p>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING 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</p>
<p>Sunday 27th February noon for 1pm lunch</p>	<p>YEA ARTS Inc. present the Improv Comedy 'CLUB RAFFLE' 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.</p>
 <p>Every Thursday 6—7.30pm</p>	<p>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES in 2022 at Highlands Community Hall Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website www.yoursurya.com</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>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 in February on these dates - 9th & 23rd.</p>
<p>Every Monday @ 10 am</p>	<p>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA 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</p>



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

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. The afternoon's entertainment consists of ...

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

Important change of date...

Please note that due to the ongoing Covid situation the **Felting Workshop** due to be held at the TCC in Ruffy **NEXT Sunday** has been postponed until April. If any attendees need to cancel contact Sharron - sharronbatt@gmail.com for a refund.

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...>

Letter to the Editor

Hi,

We're a conservation group based in the Strathbogie Ranges, and we've just completed a video and short article on Land Class Fencing.

We thought you and your audience may be interested in learning more about it, as it has both agricultural and environmental benefits.

<https://www.strathbogie-ranges.org.au/healthy-hectares-land-class-fencing/>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss it further, please feel free to email us.

Best Regards,

Alastair Tame - Project Coordinator

admin@strathbogie-ranges.org

2022 - the Year of the Frog!

As the memorable quote reminds us -

Frogs... a free organic source of pest control.

We should never underestimate the fantastic job that some of our fellow creatures do in balancing the environment if they are left to their own devices and not impacted by chemicals or other forms of human intervention.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of their control - less available water and climate change impacts - there has been a decline in frog numbers across the Goulburn Murray region. As a result the GBCMA (Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority) is leading a year long community awareness project all about our local area's diverse range of frogs.

Hopefully this should educate our communities about

the issues contributing to the reduction in frog numbers and solutions to arrest this decline.

The focus will be on local frogs & their requirements for survival and how frog habitat can be protected.

This project is supported by the GBCMA through funding from the National Landcare Program.

If you would like further information contact Janice Mentiplay-Smith on 0418 316169 or email janicem@gbcma.vic.gov.au



Spotted Pardalote (*Pardalotus Punctatus*)

Ever been outside when a flash of yellow has whizzed past you and you've thought – butterfly? Well it could in fact have been the incredibly tiny Spotted Pardalote that is only 8-10cm in size. Now that's seriously tiny, but seriously delicate too, with a short Peep, peep call, very much in keeping with its size, to herald its presence.

It is one of Australia's smallest birds and builds its nest in a long horizontal tunnel dug into the soil of creek banks, the embankments of railway cuttings, quarries or similar suitable sites. For something so small they are very industrious and sometimes even excavate tunnels in rabbit burrows, or potted plants in gardens.

The nest itself is spherical, made from strips of bark, and built in a chamber at the end of a narrow tunnel. Sometimes they nest in tree hollows and occasionally in artificial structures. Both parents share nest-building, incubation of the eggs and feeding of the young when they hatch.

Pardalotes are usually seen foraging in the crowns of eucalypt trees, where they pluck invertebrates, especially psyllids, from the leaves.

As the Spotted Pardalote is such a tiny bird and most often to be found high in a eucalypt canopy, it is more often detected by its characteristic call. The wings, tail and head of the male are black and covered with small, distinct white spots. Males have a pale eyebrow, a yellow throat and a red rump. Females are similar but have less-distinct markings.

The Spotted Pardalote is found in eastern and southern Australia from Cooktown in Queensland through to Perth in Western Australia. It occurs in coastal areas, extending to the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range in the east.

Although the Spotted Pardalote is mostly found in eucalypt forests and woodlands it can also occur in parks and gardens with well-established eucalypt canopy.

It is definitely an example of the old adage – Good things come in small packages!

Text – Birdlife Australia

Photo – Phil Glowacki



NB: This article was originally published in TGN in 2020, but has been reprinted in this issue to feature the chosen animal for 2022 by the generous 'Supporters of...' on page 6. Last year the Greater Glider graced the back page and this year it is this magnificent, wee creature. Many thanks.

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 & to share with others who join this amazing journey.



www.yoursurya.com

My website is: yoursurya.com

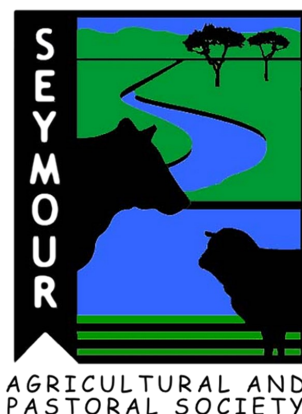
Class schedules and prices are located on my website, and **bookings are essential**.

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.**

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

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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.

Thanks.

NB: Inclusion is at webmaster's discretion

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