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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As is to be expected this week's Granite News is a bumper edition, no doubt due to the upcoming 2 week hiatus. Make sure that if you have any notices or calendar entries for July that you send them to the Editor ASAP ready for inclusion in the next issue—Sunday 10th July.

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

And Kenny Koala ... was looking down on the CFA collection at Mudbash



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HCCC News

Some interesting points from the last 2 HCCC meetings

Regenerative agriculture – the most important aspect is to REST your paddocks.

Dung beetles are a helpful addition to any paddocks but sadly the different varieties are seasonal. A South Australian Company - Dung Beetle Ecosystem Engineers is aiming is to establish dung beetles that will operate throughout the year. Stay tuned for developments from Janet.

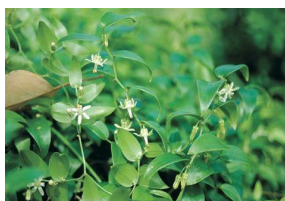
Neil attended a 2 day course about rabbits, and discovered that there is still "A lot to learn!". A new strain of calici-mystery source is circulating. Rabbits are a big problem with no foreseeable solution. Volunteers are required to help monitor numbers and locations. The damp summers and extra growth could lead to an upsurge in the rabbit population over the next few years.

HCCC will be purchasing some bio-security kits for use on farms during field visits, due to Foot & Mouth now being present in Indonesia.

Keep an eye out for Watsonia Lily and Bridal Veil Creeper - both are invasive weeds and, where possible, need to be eradicated before they become established and almost impossible to remove.



Finally, as a Landcare group, the HCCC and this newsletter will be taking a neutral position in any discussion on the proposed windfarm, featured in recent issues. Moderated letters to TGN on this topic, are welcome however only factual, informative and



instructive content will be published in an effort to better inform our local communities. If specific environmental issues arise then these will also be covered in this publication. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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**

"Story belongs to everyone. We are all story, we all have story. People come, people go, but story remains..."

Archie Roach (1956 -)

Australian Indigenous Musician and Indigenous Rights Leader

Best known for his poignant song 'They took the children away.'

DON'T FORGET...NAIDOC Week will be celebrated from 3-10 July, check out your local events.

Let's laugh



Which town or Suburb?

The following clues are the names of a Victorian town or suburb. Can you work out which ones?







Two birds of prey

Radials

Wide Pastures

Community Notices

WHAT'S ON — June & July 2022 NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events

Sunday 19th June	Last Granite News before 2 week break
 Sunday 26th June @ 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 27th June @ 7.30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP at Tablelands Community Centre ALL community welcome to discuss current concerns and find solutions. Contact Felicity 0413 483450
Thursday 30th June @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
 Friday 1st July from 6pm	First Friday of the month BBQ at Tablelands Community Centre Fire pit going, inside heated, Oven food or BBQ for Winter depending on weather. Enquires: 0404 833 388 or tccruffy@gmail.com
 Saturday 2nd July from 6pm	STAR GAZING NIGHT at Terip Rec Reserve All welcome for this excellent evening and to assist with Terip CFA's Fundraising. See p.4 for details.
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July 10-4	DARREN GILBERT OPEN STUDIO at the Yea Butter Factory A unique art studio experience at the historic Yea Butter Factory, 13 Rattray St, Yea
Sunday 3rd - 10th July	NAIDOC Week Celebrations at a place near YOU! Check you local Council for details
 Friday 8th July @ 6.30pm	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. Contact Paula 0419 551882
Sunday 10th July	First Granite News after 2 week break
 Monday 11th July @ 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
 Saturday 16th July 12-2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
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 in Highlands on June 29th and July 13th & 27th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, In recess till August For more info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400

WINDFALL OF SUPPORT FOR HIGHLANDS HALL

The Highlands Community Hall Committee would like to thank the **Shire of Murrindindi** and **DELWP** for their recent generous monetary support. A detail of what this will cover in the much-needed repairs to our Original School House and Hall will follow.

DON'T FORGET....

THIS week's issue of The Granite News - **Sunday 19th June** - will be the last one for a couple of weeks, as TGN takes it's traditional break. Plan ahead for any articles, events and dates for inclusion in the next issue after the 2 week break - **Sunday 10th July**.

Letter to the Editor

In response to Stuart Reid, there is another illness / disease which is written about and I first saw it referenced in The Guardian in 2016 (see below). It's called 'Affluenza'. 'Affluenza' is the psychological dysfunction caused by the obsessive and competitive pursuit for more - more money, more material items, more power.

Symptoms of Affluenza include a myopic focus on work and earning money, strained personal relationships, depression, a self-image tied directly to financial status and difficulty interacting with or relating to others.

"De Graaf is a co-author of **Affluenza: How Overconsumption Is Killing Us – and How to Fight Back**, first published in 2001 and updated for a third edition in 2014. That book defines the term as "a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety, and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of more".

British psychologist Oliver James, in his 2007 book **Affluenza: How to be Successful and Stay Sane**, argues that the entire world is experiencing an epidemic of affluenza (He defines it as a burning envy & obsessive desire to keep up with the Joneses that can lead to severe depression and anxiety).

This not a new thing and has been traced back to the 1800s, but it gained some prominence in the early 2000s.

The word **affluenza** has been mentioned as far back as the 1800s, according to an analysis by Google Books, tracing mentions of the word over time. Its coinage has most widely been attributed to Fred Whitman, a descendant of a prominent and wealthy San Francisco family, who purportedly came up with the idea for the combination of words in 1954 as he was "looking into the problems of inherited money", according to The Chicago Tribune.

But **affluenza** was referenced even earlier, in 1908, by a columnist writing for a London newspaper. In the article, the columnist credits William John Locke, author of The Beloved Vagabond, a novel about an architect in 19th century France who decides to disguise himself as a tramp, with coining the term in the 1906 book.

Neil van Buuren

Reference: Affluenza: a plague on both their houses, their cars and their yacht—Sarah Kershaw The Guardian 5/1/2016

NB: An excellent book, with an Australian bent, written by Clive Hamilton and Richard Denniss - "Affluenza –When too much is never enough" is another great read on this topic. Local libraries and Booktopia will have it in stock. Editor

REFUGEE WEEK - 19 - 26 June

Come along & Celebrate Diversity

Thursday 23rd June

10 AM – 12 PM

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Contact Ruth:
0427 979231



Did you know?

At the end of 2021 there were over 7.95 billion people in the world.

At the end of 2018 there were 3.5 million people seeking asylum in various countries and 25.9 million refugees.

Of those 25.9 million refugees 50% of them were children under 18 years old.

This does not include more recent refugees who are fleeing the rise of the Taliban, again, in Afghanistan or the displacement of millions of Ukrainians during the last 4 months of conflict.

Nor does it include the environmental refugees whose homes and countries are becoming uninhabitable as a result of Global Warming.

The ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre) is holding a telethon on World Refugee Day on **Monday 20th June**. All donations gratefully accepted. Find out more at [Telethon 2022 on World Refugee Day | Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(asrc.org.au\)](https://www.asrc.org.au)

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Regular Garbage Collection - Highlands

Calling all Residents & Ratepayers of Highlands, Caveat and Terip whose properties are located in the Shire of Murrindindi - would anyone be interested in a weekly garbage collection, (and a fortnightly recyclable collection) as opposed to trips to the Yea Transfer Station?

Please email editor@tgn.org.au if interested.

For those who like to plan ahead...

Diary Dates

Saturday 30th July - Ruffy Christmas Dinner in July

Monday 1st August - Terip Tennis Club AGM @ 7.30

Saturday 22nd October - HCCC's Spring Fling!

A community gathering for everyone.

Details for Ruffy's Xmas Party in the last 2 TGNs, more details to come for the other two events.

Terip Terip CFA And Rec Reserve Committee

Star Gazing Night

Saturday, 2 July from 6:00 pm

with local Astro-Photographer

Terip CFA Fundraising

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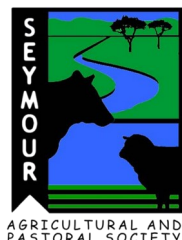
RSVP by 28 June to Jenny 5790 4095 or [facebook/teripteripcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/teripteripcommunity)

Darren Gilbert Open Studio at the Yea Butter Factory

A unique art studio experience at the historic Yea Butter Factory, 13 Rattray St, Yea

Studio will be OPEN on - Saturday 2nd July & Sunday 3rd July 10am to 4pm each day.

Note CORRECT Dates!



Agroforestry Seminar

Saturday, 9 July 2022

Ken Hall Pavilion, Kings Park, Tallarook Street, Seymour

Presenter: Rowan Reid

- *Trees for shelter and fodder to support stock production
- *Trees for land degradation and soil quality
- *Trees for biodiversity (this is general)
- *Trees for timber – species, wood quality, management (pruning/thinning) etc. includes firewood, logs, posts etc.
- *Trees for other products such as flowers, seed, native foods (flavours) etc.

Program for the day:

- 10.30: An Introduction to tree growing and Rowan's experience.
- 11.30: What are Landholders interested in with respect to tree growing – why they might want to grow trees and the types!
- 12.00: Issues raised over Light Lunch.
- 1.30: Short drive to Mangalore for paddock walk, science/practical discussion on many of the topics. Tree trimming demonstration on farm.
- Close of day.

\$10 for light lunch.

RSVP – by Thursday, 7 July 2022 to
secretary@seymouragshow.org.au with attendee numbers, mobile numbers for Catering and COVID.

Conducted under current COVID Regulations of the day



John Miller Program organiser Seymour A & P Society

Managing Soil Health

The HCCC Landcare group has organised a workshop on Soil Health with renowned agroecologist David Hardwick, from [Soil Land Food](#).

When? Friday the 1st of July, from 9:30 am to 3 pm

Where? Highlands - 3660 VIC. The exact address will be provided in the registration process.

How? You can register at the following link : <https://www.trybooking.com/CAKHV> or RSVP via text message to Vanessa 0475 459741

What? In this workshop we'll learn about:

- what is soil health and why it's so important
- soil health issues: compaction, pH, soil salinity, organic matter, sodicity, soil biology
- identifying soil constraints
- assessing soil health in the paddock and using a soil test
- soil health options: planned grazing, cover crops min-till, biologicals and compost.

Please bring BYO lunch and wear appropriate gear (work boots, gloves and wet weather gear)

Biosecurity measures will be in place for this event to help keeping our farms free from new diseases, like the [Foot and Mouth Disease](#).

Feel free to email vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au for more information.

This event will be the first of a series within our new project on Regenerative Agriculture, so keep your eyes on TGN for future ones!

This project is supported by a Victorian Landcare Grant from the Victorian State Government.

Hope to see you all there!

Vanessa Malandrin

HCCC Landcare - Project Coordinator



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