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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With a new year there is always a chance for new opportunities and one of those is now open. Have you considered supporting this great little newsletter to continue its job of informing and entertaining both locals and readers further afield? The easiest and most cost effective way to do this is to take out an ad on the back page of TGN.

Each year 24 spaces are allocated to not only tradespeople, but also to some wonderful readers who altruistically support this excellent local paper, at the incredibly reasonable cost of just \$250 for the year. For tradies that equates to \$6.50 per week for 40 issues which, as I have just recently discovered, is an amazingly good price to get one's message out into a wider world.

Would you like to support, or continue to support, the Granite News in 2022? Please just email editor@tgn.org.au ASAP to find out more and to register your interest and support.

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

And Kenny Koala ... was checking the details for Secret Men's Business



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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

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

Let's laugh



Post Covid - Post Carbon







Did you know?

Following on from last week and Fourier's theories in 1824 other 19thC scientists also started to investigate the gases that are part of our Earth's atmosphere.

In 1856, Eunice Newton Foote, an American scientist, inventor and women's rights campaigner devised an experiment to identify which gases could force the atmosphere to heat up. She discovered that hydrogen heated up the least while carbon dioxide became the hottest. She also made the prediction that "an atmosphere of that gas (carbon dioxide) would give to our Earth a higher temperature."

Community Notices

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

 Friday 4th February from 6pm	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
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February 10-4	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.
 Friday 11th February @ 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.
 Monday 14th February @ 11am	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
 Saturday 19th February from 10-12	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
 Sunday 20th February @ noon	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
Sunday 27th February noon for 1pm lunch	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 TGN 16.2 for more details.
Sunday 27th February 2-6pm	YEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY DAY at Yea Recreation Reserve Supported by RACV and 2030Yea this is a day to discover more about alternative energy, electric vehicles and watch a movie powered totally by solar energy. 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 www.yoursurya.com
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 in February on these dates - 9th & 23rd.
Every Monday @ 10 am	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

FOR SALE

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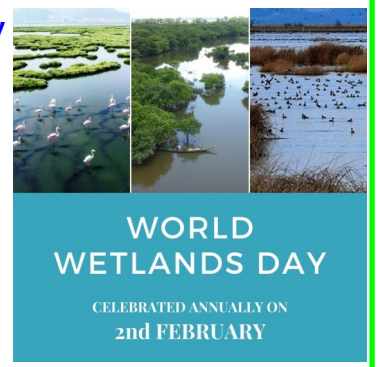
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Contact Pauline 0408 246 308



World Wetlands Day

2nd February 2022 is the first year that World Wetlands Day will be observed as a United Nations international day, following its adoption by the General Assembly on 30th August 2021.



Master Tree Grower UPPER GOULBURN

Expressions of Interest 2022

Home Creek / Spring Creek Landcare group and the Murrindindi Climate Network are inviting you to participate in the upcoming Master Tree Grower program. This is an amazing opportunity to increase your knowledge and apply it to your farm.

The course will be delivered by local and national leaders in tree growing on farms. Generally these sessions will run from 10am to 3pm and we will be travelling to interesting locations in the Upper Goulburn area each week. We will email attendees the specific times and locations of each venue a few days prior to each session. This 8-day course concludes with a study tour to the Otways to meet members of the Australian Agroforestry Foundation and their established tree farms.

PROGRAM

Day 1	Saturday	March 12	Intro to Master Tree Grower
Day 2	Sunday	March 13	Growing for the Market
Day 3	Sunday	March 20	Tree Measurement
Day 4	Saturday	March 26	Silviculture
Day 5	Saturday	April 2	Farm density and biodiversity
Day 6	Sunday	April 10	Planning issue, carbon offsets
Day 7	Saturday	May 7	Otways Study Tour
Day 8	Sunday	May 8	Otways Study Tour



Expression of Interest emailed to

Rita Seethaler at rita.seethaler@tuti.com.au by February 25th.

Please include — Your name, phone number, property location. Do you have any trees? YES / NO Why do you want to do the course? Do you have any native vegetation.

YOUR COMMITMENT - Attend the full 8 days of training and travel to amazing properties in the Upper Goulburn and in the Otway Ranges. Cost = \$250 plus GST (excluding travel to & accommodation in the Otways)



This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Murrindindi Shire



Our very best friends...

Some readers may be currently enjoying watching 'Muster Dogs' on ABC TV at 7.30 on Sunday nights. This happy documentary follows the training of 5 exuberant kelpie puppies in various locations around Australia. Bred in Western Victoria the premise is to see if the stock dogs' training can be condensed into 12 months rather than the usual 3 years. All the puppies are seriously cute but definitely bred to work and as one of the farmers from Qld, Frank Finger, so eloquently put it - "You feel like you've forgotten to get dressed if you go out into the paddock without a dog." And as the RSPCA article below indicates a dog is never 'fully dressed' without a tail.

WHY ARE TAILS SO IMPORTANT?






RSPCA 

RSPCA was instrumental in making cosmetic tail docking illegal across Australia nearly 15 years ago, but you may wonder why we spent so long lobbying against this cruel practice. While the pain, however severe, may be temporary - docked tails affect dogs for the rest of their lives.

Dogs have evolved to form large social groups with humans and they rely heavily on non-verbal communication. Dogs use their tails, ears, eyes, body position and facial expressions to let us know how they're feeling.







A tail's position can let you, and other dogs, know if a dog is agitated, happy or scared.

A RELAXED, FRIENDLY DOG MAY...

-  Wag their tail (broad strokes with a wiggly bum)
-  Have a loose body
-  Do a play bow
-  Have relaxed ears
-  Be lying down, restful







A STRESSED OR WORRIED DOG MAY SHOW...

-  Rigid body, ears up, alert
-  Licking lips
-  Panting (when not hot or thirsty - often confused with smiling)
-  Yawning (when not tired)
-  Hypervigilance (looking around constantly)
-  Tail lifted high



A FEARFUL DOG MAY SHOW...

-  Body lowered to the ground, cowering
-  Ears back or to the side
-  Minimal or no eye contact
-  Attempts to move away



Stressed or fearful dogs may resort to aggression if they feel there's no other option. If it's safe to do so, remove them from the situation in a careful manner.

While some breeds are born with shorter tails, dogs like Bosley whose tails are illegally docked for cosmetic reasons, will sadly always be at a disadvantage.

Yea Sustainability Community Day

Supported by RACV and 2030Yea

Join us for a day celebrating sustainability and supporting Yea to build a sustainable future and thriving community.

Bring the family along and enjoy a free BBQ, fun games and entertainment. Learn about solar, electric vehicles, renewable energy, recycling and environmental initiatives from organisations focused on sustainability.

Outdoor cinema!

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Bring a blanket and snacks for a special family screening of 'The Lorax'.

📍 Yea Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve,
20 Snodgrass St, Yea

🕒 Sunday 27 February 2022 | 2pm – 6pm
*Movie starts at approx. 3:30pm



Strathbogie Local is back!

The Strathbogie Local team are feeling well rested and ready for a wonderful 2022! Our order cycles will continue with no changes, place your order by 9pm Wednesday night, ready for collection 2-4pm Fridays in Euroa, 4.30pm onwards in Ruffy and Strathbogie and 5.30pm onwards in Violet Town.

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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...>

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.

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.

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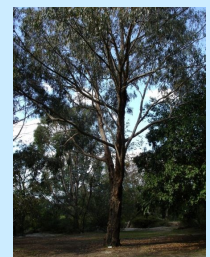
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