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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well the pagers went off up the Highlands end of the plateau on Saturday afternoon as a fire was identified and called in at the end of Chisholms Rd, the far end of Chisholms Rd... next stop the steep slope down to the Goulburn River! Fortunately we haven't seen too many firegrounds in the HCCC area this summer (may it continue) and within an hour or so there were 14 vehicles on the ground and a chopper all fighting this fire in incredibly inhospitable terrain. By early evening it was deemed under control and there was a watching brief on it overnight and the next day. Thank you to all those volunteers involved. Hopefully the rest of this summer will be as benign as it has been so far and our local fireys won't be called upon to fight too many more fires.

However, if there is a demand for personnel Victorian Pandemic Orders mandate that all CFA staff, paid or volunteer, must have had 2 vaccinations and a booster shot in order to work outside the home. The dates for these now mandatory boosters have been extended into March. See p. 4 for more information to ensure your availability if required.

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

And Kenny Koala ... was featuring the rocking chair that is for sale on p.2



Hughes Creek  
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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**

## Let's laugh



## Anyone for yoga?

Last Thursday night from 6-7.30pm Sandra Seles from Surya Yoga ran her 4th class in the Highlands Hall. This GN Reader highly recommends it. An enjoyable and relaxing way to unwind, breath deep and recharge.

Bookings essential via website: [www.yoursurya.com](http://www.yoursurya.com)

Matts & blocks provided and the first 3 sessions are free!

**Robyn Lingard**

**Note\*\* No class on February 24th.**



"The whole world is short staffed, so be kind to those who showed up."

Sign currently outside  
Mansfield's Uniting Church

## Want to go travelling?

With Australia's borders only just reopening it might be a while before any plans for overseas travel come to fruition so in the meantime why not check out some virtual tours instead. Let's start with The Louvre. [www.louvre.fr/en/online-tours](http://www.louvre.fr/en/online-tours) and scroll through their amazing artwork

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 — February & March 2022** **NB: COVID—double vaccinated will apply to all events**

 <p><b>Monday 14th February</b> <b>@ 11am</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b></p> <p>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 &amp; coffee will be provided.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 20th February</b> <b>from 10-12</b></p>  <p><b>NB New Date!</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> <span style="float: right;">at 94 Old Highlands Rd</span></p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. <b>Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</b></p> <p><b>NB: Please come only if you have had your second Covid vaccination, thanks</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 20th February</b> <b>@ noon</b></p> 	<p><b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> <span style="float: right;">at TCC @ Ruffy</span></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enquiries? - contact Justus 0427 524473</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 24th February</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> <span style="float: right;">at Caveat Church</span></p> <p>All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
<p><b>Saturday 26th February</b> <b>from 9am</b></p> 	<p><b>HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE</b> <span style="float: right;">at Highlands Hall</span></p> <p>Everyone is welcome to come along for an hour or more and help make the Highlands Hall look a picture in time for the Yea Arts entertainment happening on Feb. 27th. See p. 5 for all the details.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27th February</b> <b>noon for 1pm lunch</b></p>	<p><b>YEA ARTS Inc. present the Improv Comedy 'CLUB RAFFLE'</b> <span style="float: right;">at Highlands Hall</span></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27th February</b> <b>2-6pm</b></p>	<p><b>YEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY DAY</b> <span style="float: right;">at Yea Recreation Reserve</span></p> <p>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. 4 for more details.</p>
 <p><b>Friday 4th March</b> <b>@ 6pm</b></p>	<p><b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</b> <span style="float: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre</span></p> <p>It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! <b>Bookings: 0427 690970 or <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a></b></p>
<p><b>Every Thursday</b> <b>6—7.30pm</b></p> 	<p><b>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES in 2022</b> <span style="float: right;">at Highlands Community Hall</span></p> <p>Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website <a href="http://www.yoursurya.com">www.yoursurya.com</a></p>
<p><b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b></p>	<p><b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> <span style="float: right;">at Highlands Community Hall</span></p> <p>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in??</p> <p><b>YAY! The Mobile Library will be back at Highlands in February on the 23rd and March 9th and 23rd.</b></p>
<p><b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b></p>	<p><b>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</b> <span style="float: right;">at Tablelands Community Centre</span></p> <p>Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy.</p> <p><b>NB: Qigong has returned on January 10.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400</b></p>

### FOR SALE

Heritage nursing mother's chair in very good condition.

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**NOTE - new price \$150!**

Contact Pauline  
0408 246 308





## Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot Round 2 Webinar

Some landholders may want some more information on the Carbon + Biodiversity project...  
Webinar on next Tuesday.

### Applications are currently open for round 2 of the Australian Government's Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot!

Are you interested in how the Pilot will work? On **Tuesday 15 February at 1 pm (AEDT)**, the Australian Government will host a webinar to discuss all you need to know. Attend the webinar to have your questions answered before **round 2 applications close on Thursday 3 March**.

The Pilot is a key part of the Australian Government's \$66.1 million Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Package and will reward farmers for the stewardship of their land, storing carbon and improving Australia's biodiversity.

Round 2 builds on the success and learnings of round 1 to further test market arrangements to reward farmers for their biodiversity stewardship in 6 new regions:

- Fitzroy Basin in Queensland
- Riverina in New South Wales
- **Goulburn Broken in Victoria**
- Southern in Tasmania
- Northern and Yorke in South Australia
- South Coast in Western Australia.

Farmers who plant native trees and shrubs, in line with a biodiversity protocol developed by the Australian National University, can receive payments for biodiversity in addition to any earnings from selling the carbon credits.



The webinar will see panellists present from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Australian National University, Clean Energy Regulator and Fitzroy Basin Association.

To register for the webinar, visit [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xBsKp5h4RVShulkgy4SMpw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xBsKp5h4RVShulkgy4SMpw)

For more information on the pilot and how to submit an application, visit [https://www.awe.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/natural-resources/landcare/sustaining-future-australian-farming/carbon-biodiversity-pilot?utm\\_source=digi\\_toolkit&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=carbon\\_biodiversity\\_round\\_two\\_2021](https://www.awe.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/natural-resources/landcare/sustaining-future-australian-farming/carbon-biodiversity-pilot?utm_source=digi_toolkit&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=carbon_biodiversity_round_two_2021).

Enquiries about the program can be directed to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment at [agstewardship@awe.gov.au](mailto:agstewardship@awe.gov.au) or you can call them at 1800 329 055.

## LATEST COVID REQUIREMENTS for CFA Volunteers



On Thursday evening 10/2/22 Victoria's Chief Health Officer issued updated timelines for receiving the COVID-19 booster, which is mandatory for CFA staff and volunteers under the Victorian Pandemic Orders.

Under the Orders workers in emergency services who are already required to be fully vaccinated, must get their third dose or have a medical exemption to work outside of the home.

The updated timeframes provide an additional four weeks for people to receive their booster provided they can provide proof of appointment. [Find out more about booking your appointment.](#)

The new timeframes for this requirement to be met depend on when you received your second dose.

If you became fully vaccinated on or before  
12 September 2021, the deadline is  
now **12 March 2022.**

If you became fully vaccinated after 12 September  
2021, the deadline is now **29 March 2022.**

Temporary medical exemptions for those who have previously tested positive to COVID-19 are only provided for up to four months and MUST have the approval of a GP. [View more information](#)

You can update your vaccination status at any time via [Members Online](#)

Our FAQs and documentation have been updated to reflect the new timeframes. Visit [Members Online](#) for more details.

The Chief Officer's Standing Order 17: COVID-19 Vaccination is currently being updated to reflect the new timelines. Once approved it will be available on Members Online.


Please also familiarise yourself with the updated and new documentation issued this week:

[CFA COVID-19 Response Levels Protocol](#)  
[Operations Bulletin: CFA Rapid Antigen Testing](#)  
[Work Instruction: COVID-19 Symptomatic Persons, Confirmed Cases and Contacts](#)

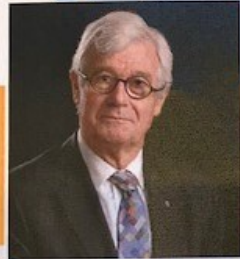

## Totally trivial but quite intriguing - Did you know?

Zipper were invented in 1893!

Yes, they are over 100 years old now. Initially they were only used on shoes and boots to make wearing them faster, but slowly they gained favour and made their way onto garments.



The Alexandra Branch of Rural Australians for Refugees



Guest Speaker  
**JULIAN BURNSIDE AO QC**

Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate

**Myths about Refugees**

**Alexandra Town Hall • 7pm**

**FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022**

• Free Entry • Bookings Essential • Light Supper

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## Calling all non-petrol heads



FREE upcoming Electric Vehicle Event is being held live at the Healesville Memo on Saturday 19 February from 10.30am until 1:00pm.

At this event there will be 6 electric cars on display, and 5 expert speakers who will talk about their experiences with EV's as Victoria transitions towards Zero Emission Vehicles.

Some of the biggest barriers for consumers, particularly in Australia, are cost and availability. Partnering with the **Good Car Company**, we will also be launching an **EV Community Bulk Buy**, with more information about this and the range of cars that will be available for the bulk buy, at this event.

This event is being run by Healesville CoRE and the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub with support from Yarra Ranges Council and Sustainability Victoria.

Registrations are essential. Go to this link and click on Events to find out more

[Yarra Valley Community Power Hub](https://yarravalleycommunitypowerhub.org.au)  
([yvcommunitypowerhub.org.au](https://yarravalleycommunitypowerhub.org.au))

## Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) AGM and lunch

TCC (Tablelands Community Centre) at Ruffy  
12 noon - Sunday February 20th



Sue van Buuren will present a first look at our new Communications Platform, showing us the new web-page, history section, resources pages and more!

**AGM** - brief reports and elections, (no need for anxiety-there are people waiting in the wings waiting to be elected!).

**Lunch** - share a light lunch with friends.

All are invited and welcome, however to comply with regulations we do need to follow the Covid rules.

Please let us know if you are coming and if you have any dietary requirements. Email or text HCCC secretary, Justus at [jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jjmhagen@yahoo.com.au) or text 0427 524473

**RSVPs by the morning of Thursday 17th Feb., thanks.**

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

The Highlands Hall Committee is looking for a new member to take the position of treasurer. Book keeping skills are not needed. Experience using an Excel spread sheet is all that's really required. Adding up is probably a plus :-)

We hold a meeting every 6 weeks that is never longer than 2 hours. We're trying to make them fun!!

It's a great way to be involved with the local community and we all know that volunteering is good for your sense of wellbeing so come and join us.

Contact Gayle 0418 889017 or Miranda 0408 969261 if you'd like to know more.

## HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 9am onwards

Yea Arts is holding an event at Highlands on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb so we need the hall looking its best.

With all this rain and heat everything is growing madly, including the weeds.



We have all the usual jobs, inside and out and it would be terrific if you could just give us an hour of your time to share the load. Come at whatever time suits you.

Remember we all have to be double vaccinated and follow all the rules of mask wearing and social distancing.

Many thanks, Miranda (0408 969261)

## February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Every year 1,600 women are diagnosed with this disease and 1,070 women die from OC.



Unlike breast & cervical cancers there is NO early detection test, so the best way of detecting the disease is to know the signs -

- \* Abdominal bloating or increased abdominal size
- \* Urinary changes such as frequency or urgency
- \* Appetite loss, feeling full quickly or indigestion

Having a family history of breast or ovarian cancer may mean that you are at a higher risk of developing OC.

Like to know more? [www.ovariancancer.net.au](http://www.ovariancancer.net.au)

## Clean Up Australia Day

It's on again the annual Clean Up Australia Day events on

**Sunday 6th March**

**Why not** get your family or friends, your colleagues or your fellow classmates together and register to host a clean up event!

Clean Up Australia will provide you with a Clean Up kit containing gloves and bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families or groups available.

For more information and to register or donate visit [cleanup.org.au](http://cleanup.org.au) or give your local Council a call.

One local Clean Up event is happening at the **Yea Wetlands commencing at 10am on Sunday 6th March**. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile and fun activity contact

**Peter 0422 217904**





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