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## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Another busy week on the fire front with a lightning strike prompting a further call out on Wednesday. Fortunately between the local brigades, the CFA's water chopper and a fortuitous dump of rain the fire was under control fairly rapidly. See p.3 for Letters to the Editor for more.

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

And Kenny Koala ... was participating in the Surya Yoga Class at Highlands



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## HCCC News

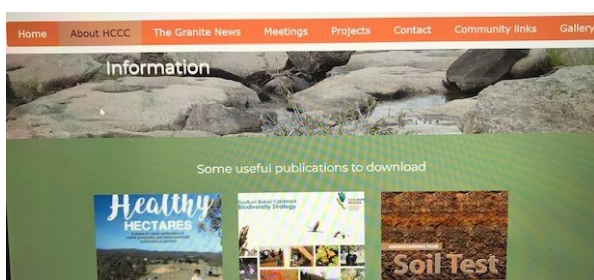
### A new dawn in communications and 21stC technology

Earlier today, Sunday, HCCC not only held the AGM but also presented a stunning new development in communications not just for TGN readers but the wider world—a brand new, you beaut HCCC website, created by Sue van Buuren was launched. And it looks great - why not check it out.

<http://www.hcccclandcare.net.au/>

Using a colour palette that reflects our bush and lavishly illustrated with photos of the local HCCC area it is going to be a very valuable resource as its various areas of interest are populated with information that will not

only act as a knowledge bank for anyone interested in Landcare issues, but be added to regularly as new activities and developments occur. A most useful tool.



After the election of the 2022 Exec. Committee - President - Jenny Webb



Vice President - Shannon Roach

Secretary - Justus Hagen  
a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.  
Reports held over until next week's TGN.

**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**

### Did you know?

\* In 2021 Renewables provided 31% of power in Australia's Electricity Market, compared to less than 6% from Gas

\* Gas provided just 1.5% of the power used in NSW in 2021, while renewables jumped by a whopping 30% in Victoria

\* In WA Renewables were that state's second biggest source of power, overtaking Gas for the first time

\* SA continues to hold onto its Clean Energy crown with 66% of the state's electricity coming from Renewables

\* Gas generation has fallen so dramatically because Gas is expensive to produce, while solar and wind power are cheaper and much more readily available

\* Due to soaring capacity in solar and wind Australians are now experiencing the cheapest electricity prices in more than a decade.

Source: The Climate Council  
[www.climatecouncil.org.au](http://www.climatecouncil.org.au)

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**

<b>Thursday 24th February</b> <b>@ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	<b>at Caveat Church</b>
<b>Saturday 26th February</b> <b>from 9am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS HALL WORKING BEE</b> 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.	<b>at Highlands Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 27th February</b> <b>noon for 1pm lunch</b>	<b>YEA ARTS Inc. present the Improv Comedy 'CLUB RAFFLE'</b> 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.	<b>at Highlands Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 27th February</b> <b>2-6pm</b>	<b>YEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY DAY</b> 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 previous TGNs for more details.	<b>at Yea Recreation Reserve</b>
<b>Tues. 1st &amp; Wed. 2nd</b> <b>March</b>	<b>WINTON WETLANDS SCIENCE FORUM</b> Like to find out more about the Wetlands environment? See p.5 for more details about this event.	<b>at Winton Wetlands</b>
<b>Friday 4th March</b> <b>@ 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</b> It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights!	<b>at Tablelands Community Centre</b> <b>Bookings: 0427 690970 or <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>Saturday 5th &amp; Sunday</b> <b>6th March</b> <b>10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> 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.	<b>2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</b>
<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	<b>CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY</b> Check out the CUAP website to find out where you can assist in this national, environmental activity.	<b>at various locations</b>
<b>Monday 14th March</b> <b>@ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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.	<b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b> <b>6—7.30pm</b>	<b>YOUR SURYA YOGA CLASSES In 2022</b> Come along to Sandra's yoga classes in Highlands. Bookings essential via website <a href="http://www.yoursurya.com">www.yoursurya.com</a>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
<b>Every second</b> <b>Wednesday 10.30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? <b>YAY! The Mobile Library will be back at Highlands in February on the 23rd and March 9th and 23rd.</b>	<b>at Highlands Community Hall</b>
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>@ 10 am</b>	<b>ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROA</b> Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage, Counselling and Psychotherapy. <b>NB: Qigong has returned on January 10.</b> <b>For bookings or further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400</b>	<b>at Tablelands Community Centre</b>

### FOR SALE

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[adele@and.net.au](mailto:adele@and.net.au)





## GET WELL Andrea!

Some TGN readers may be aware that Andrea from Highlands has recently been in hospital for an unexpected operation. We wish her all the best for her recovery at home and for those Drinks on the Deck attendees who contributed to the Welcome Home Hamper fund, here 'tis. Bon appetit!



## Freedom of Religion for What?

I didn't ever think I would agree with the Australian Christian Lobby. We were both pleased when Morrison withdrew the Religious Freedom legislation but for different reasons. I wanted the bill to be shelved for ever, the ACL wanted it strengthened to allow some Christians to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people.

As a Christian minister/educator I have never personally experienced discrimination for my faith, though that's not saying it doesn't occur, but it is not something that has ever been a great community concern. In my younger years, there were old tensions between the Catholics and Protestants, but that has largely disappeared. I have occasionally felt the cold shoulder from people in the church because of my theological views, but that is all. I rather get the impression that people generally actually don't want to talk about their religion, which I think is sad.

I believe in the freedom to express your religion, but observing the campaign of the ACL and their associates, I can't help but come to the conclusion that it is not the freedom of religion that is their concern but the freedom to force everyone to do it their way and expel those who disagree. It is true that politics coloured the recent controversies and unnecessarily complicated things and in the process renewed old hurts. I can only admire those who defied their party and voted with their conscience.

Fundamentalism and dogmatism are not something I admire in any religion. Not only do they confuse the meaning of faith but shut out the exercise of love. Christianity doesn't really talk about rights but it does talk about a profound **love**. Fundamentalism and dogmatism may talk about love, but I do not accept their conditions. What do you believe?

**Stuart Reid - Highlands**

## Letter to the Editor

### THANK YOU

As reported in last week's Granite News a fire broke about a kilometre south of the intersection of Jacks Creek and Chisholms Road. The fire was quickly brought under immediate control by the helicopter and then the subsequent efforts of the CFA crews from Highlands-Caveat, Molesworth, Terip Terip, Limestone, Yea and Whitehead's Creek.

The fire was contained on Peter and Kerry Moulton's property in an area on the boundary fence of Meullers farm owned by Patricia Tooth. The cause of the fire is uncertain as the Moultons were not present at the time of the fire.

With so many people coming and going Saturday plus the follow up on Sunday it is impossible to know everyone that attended. Thank you for dropping everything to help. To each and everyone who was there or coordinating by radio we are so grateful. So pleased it happened on Saturday with no wind and not Sunday when there was a strong northerly.

**Jonathan & Patricia Tooth and Peter & Kerry Moulton**

## Letter to the Editor

A big thank you to all the people, both locals and neighboring Brigades, for the prompt and efficient extinguishing of the fire stated by lightning last Wednesday evening.

It only managed to burn about an acre on a pretty rough hillside. The chopper arrived very quickly and dumped a number of loads of water and slowed the spread as the fire trucks arrived and finished the job. By 9pm all the embers were out and some hamburgers from Yea arrived for the crews just before they departed (Thanks Scotty). Only one very small hot spot was found the next day.

A great job, well done!

Thanks  
**Alistair**



## THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

Our computer printer uses cartridges of various coloured inks. These cartridges can be individually refilled. When a colour runs low, and the machine tells us it is due for attention, we simply take out the cartridge, go to the man at CARTRIDGE WORLD, he will refill it, we bring it back, put it in the machine, and all set to go again. The man at CARTRIDGE WORLD makes a small profit, we benefit by paying less than the purchase price of a replacement.

A very environmentally friendly activity !  
No need to use time ( is money ) for removing packaging, disposing of same, checking if cartridge fits in machine, then telling son of god when it doesn't !

### THE ABOVE WILL NO LONGER HAPPEN

I am told the equipment for refilling process no longer recognises the micro chip fitted to the cartridge, therefore the refill process cannot happen,

### WHAT HAPPENS NOW ?

When one or more colours run out, we need to ;

- 1 Purchase a set of cartridges packaged in a cardboard box
- 2 Fit required cartridge
- 3 Store remainder somewhere
- 4 Discard used one
- 5 Repeat process when another colour runs out. ( dictated by Murphy's Law, it will be the same colour )

### WHAT WE NOW HAVE IS

Cost of manufacturing packaging ( not made with recycled paper ) commercially printed. New cartridge made from raw polypropylene , cannot include more than 18% regrind ( re use ) this is an oil base product.

Old cartridge disposed of. With luck, can be recycled !

More convenient to " chuck it in the bin "  
Slowly the stock of new cartridges will build up. What a wonderful, unfriendly  
<<<< Continued to the left.



You are invited to a

**Garden Party at Parrindi**

24 Casey Crescent Broadford  
on

**Sunday 20 March at 2.00pm**

to

**celebrate Glen**

**to share stories and memories  
of a life well lived.**

RSVP Terry 0448043186



## LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE?



**Council's Murrindindi Family Day Care is calling on local community members, parents and people from neighbouring Shires to consider becoming a Family Day Care Educator.**

We're currently seeking qualified educators to provide important services to families across the Shire. If you're passionate about working with children and want to play an important role in their development, we want to hear from you!

There are a range of benefits in becoming an educator, including being your own boss, the ability to look after your own child while looking after other children, flexible work days and hours, 24/7 support from Council, and opportunities for career development and training. An incentive package is on offer for anyone wanting to start their career as an educator. Up to \$2,500 is available to assist with the purchase of resources like printers, stationery, toys, insurance, and first aid training.

Ideally, you'll have experience in childhood education and hold a Certificate III in Children's Services (or be enrolled and studying an approved course) or if you're willing to study, we can get you started, subject to various safety checks.

Applications are being accepted on an on-going basis. For more information, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs) or give Council's Family Day Care Coordinator a call on 5772 0333.

>> environmental situation !! If this situation is taken to yours, or any politician.  
It will be considered too miniscule to bother with.

**HOORAY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!**

**John Sporry - Caveat**





### The Tablelands Community Centre - **Pottery Project**

To build permanent outdoor furniture that will be covered with handmade ceramic tiles

If you would like to participate in this project and learn how to build your own outdoor furniture, make ceramic tiles, glaze tiles, apply tiles to finished furniture.

Please contact: [tccruffy@gmail.com](mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com) or 0427 690 970

This will be the start project for the permanent community pottery studio

## 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)

## Winton Wetlands Science Forum

For TGN readers interested in Wetlands the Winton Wetlands are offering a Science Forum on March 1st & 2nd, bringing together experts in the field of Wetlands Ecology Management. There is a cost to attend but for further information go to their website - <https://wintonwetlands.org.au> to book in.

## 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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