



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Many thanks again to those readers who have responded YES to the HCCC's Membership drive. We are now up to **108 members**, which is a rather impressive effort. Remember it's easy to do, does not involve any cost and all you need to do is send an email to [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au), before **July 31st**, and type **YES**. Why not do it now?

Don't forget that, as we have now reinstated only one issue of TGN per week, any articles, ads or just general information needs to be received by the Editor by Thursday night for the Sunday issue. Many thanks for your assistance with this, it makes the job a little less frenetic & is appreciated.

Until next issue continue to stay warm and safe, **Pauline**

**And Kenny?** Was the p.3 boy featured in the Decline in Ecosystems article.



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**"Everywhere man blames nature and fate, yet his fate is mostly the echo of his character and passions, his mistakes and weaknesses."**

**Democritus (460BC - 370BC)**  
**Ancient Greek philosopher**

**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**

## Wonderful Wedding at the Highlands Hall

Taking inspiration from the spirit of the great Scottish king - Robert the Bruce, 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again' Eden & Mark were married at the Highlands Hall on 11th July 2020. To say that their road to this celebration was strewn with speed humps would be an understatement, see p.4. NB: If anyone can assist with documenting how many weddings, and whose weddings, have been held at the Highlands Hall, please let the editor know. Thanks.



## Let's laugh



## Coronavirus 24hr Hotline

**1800 020 080**

## Website of the Week

The Victorian National Parks Assoc. has a great interactive website with excellent information. If you would like to find out more about what makes our Victorian National Parks so special - RSVP to a Webinar on Thurs. 6/8/20 at <https://vnpa.org.au/programs/nature-webinars>

## Mystery Garbo

Well the mystery garbos' identity has been revealed!! A huge thanks to Matt Smith and friends for picking up the rubbish along the Seymour-Highlands Rd. Your thoughtful and fantastic service for our local community is very much appreciated.



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 & Classifieds

## CALENDAR of EVENTS — or something to look forward to...

1st weekend of the month (not winter) 10-4	<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.	2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
2nd Monday each month @ 11am 	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place. Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch & coffee will be provided.	contact Jan 5790 4361
2nd Wednesday each month @ 9.30am 	<b>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA</b> This enjoyable social event is open to anyone. Bring along any books or home-grown produce to share.	Highlands Community Centre enjoy a cuppa, swap
2nd Friday each month @ 6.30pm 	<b>DRINKS ON THE TABLE</b> Starts at 6.30pm. A great way to catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially those who are new to the area. BYO drinks & power.	Highlands Community Hall
3rd Thursday or Friday each month	<b>HUGHES CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> The next meeting will be on 10/12/2019 commencing at 7pm. All welcome.	at ?????? Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268
Last Thursday each month @ 5.30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	at Caveat Church
4th Saturday each month 10-12 or 12-2 	<b>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET</b> Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	<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>Please note the Mobile Library Service is temporarily suspended until further notice!!</b>	at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	<b>QIGONG AT RUFFY</b> Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien on 0428 969366 or email: <a href="mailto:vivienwatmough@gmail.com">vivienwatmough@gmail.com</a>	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	<b>SWING DANCE CLASS</b> Swing dances featuring Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

**All these monthly events will be returning to a place near YOU, hopefully soon, but not until it is safe. Stay tuned .....**



**Postponed until further notice**

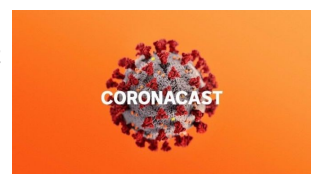
### Volunteers are everywhere, are you one too?

Since Covid-19 has severely disrupted many forms of voluntary work, Volunteering Australia has commissioned a study from the ANU to see what the impact has been during the last few months. The raw data estimates that 2/3 of volunteers have stepped down, which equates to 12.2 million hours per week! This is across all forms of volunteering. So therefore it's not surprising that in 2019 when DELWP collected and collated data about active environmental groups in Victoria, for the number of volunteers and/or volunteer hours contributed over the 2018/19 financial year, the results revealed 2,100 groups with 134,244 volunteers giving more than 1.5 million hours of their time! This adds up to an economic contribution of a staggering \$50 million! However, as this was only 60% of Victoria's groups it's definitely an underestimate of all the work that is done.

### Coronacast - all yours for free!

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### Fungi

Over the last few months all sorts of different fungi have been popping up all over the place across the tablelands. Understanding fungi, their diversity, distribution and life histories, is a precursor to conserving them.

Anyone interested in Landcare can encourage fungi on their properties, diversity is the key. Maximise habitat types and micro-climates by retaining a variety of organic matter - leaves, sticks, branches, bark, etc of varying age, size and species. This provides the best opportunity for fungi to colonise.

Furthermore, reviving or minimising stresses to fungi, such as physical disturbance through compaction or digging, over-watering, fire, excessive use of fertilisers and chemicals increases their potential to flourish.

Incorporating fungi and the important processes they perform offer possibilities for Landcare to move to a whole new level of success.

**Dr Alison Pouliot**

[https://soln.org/cb\\_pages/news/fungi.php](https://soln.org/cb_pages/news/fungi.php)



### Fire Safety: Touring And Camping

Where will your family be sleeping this school holidays? It may be in a Caravan, Camper, Camper Van, Camping shack or Tent. It is important to pay attention to fire safety as you would at home.



#### Smoke Alarms.

Is there a working smoke alarm where people sleep?  
If older than 10 years they should be replaced.  
Test and clean.  
Replace batteries annually.



#### Fire Blankets and Extinguishers.

Do you have a serviceable fire extinguisher and fire blanket readily available?



#### Campfires.

Is it at least 3 meters away from flammable objects including buildings, caravans, campers and tents.  
Remember, never use petrol to start fires.  
Extinguish with water before you leave.  
Children need to be supervised around campfires at all times.



#### Fuse panels and wiring.

Have you checked that fuse panels and wiring connections? Are they in working order, secured with no bare wires?



#### Fuels.

Fuels used for equipment such as generators and chainsaws must be stored well away from heat sources and sleeping areas.



#### Gas bottles.

Turn off your gas bottle when not in use.  
Are the connections free from leaks?  
Are they correctly secured?



#### Gas heaters, stoves, hot water services and BBQs.

These may not have been used for some time.  
Are they operating correctly and free from leaks.  
Check for dust and rodent infestation?  
Have they been serviced by a qualified gas fitter in the last two years?



#### Portable Gas and Propane Heaters

Portable gas and propane heaters should never be used in enclosed spaces, this includes tents.  
Use as per manufactures instructions.



### SAVE the DATE - it's a goer!

Terip Tennis Club AGM  
**Monday August 3, 2020**

@ 7.30pm

@the Terip Rec Reserve



### Virtual Screening of 2040

Some readers may remember, in another lifetime way back in March, the HCCC had organised a screening at the Highlands Hall of the acclaimed film, 2040, by award-winning director Damon Gameau. With only a few days to go until that evening the world shifted slightly, everyone went into voluntary isolation and anything remotely resembling an event was cancelled.

Since that time many of us have improved our skills in the virtual world and can now participate in on-line meetings, tune into Webinars or binge on Netflix. Which means that some readers may like to participate in the **virtual screening of 2040** that is being held between **Friday 14th and Sunday 16th August**.

To register go to <https://events.humanitix.com/2040-movie-murrindindi-shire> Please note that bookings close at 5pm on Monday 10th August and participants will be given access to a link to watch the screening on the designated days.



NB: For those readers who would still like to attend a face-to-face event, when social distancing allows, the HCCC is aiming to screen 2040 at a later date, with DELWP staff in attendance to facilitate a local discussion.

## All Good Things Come to Those Who Wait - Congratulations to Eden & Mark

With CV-19 kicking off we decided that we wanted to be together through it all properly & that it was the right timing for us to get married and move forward with our lives together as a family. We set a date (18/7/20), found a venue and started to plan our wedding to keep within the CV-19 restrictions. The venue then cancelled on us due to the CV-19 restrictions and we had to go on a hunt for a new place to get married.



We found a beautiful place in Taggerty but had to change the date to 11/7/20 and the planning was back on. We got everything set up, the dress, the kilt, flowers, cake, photographer, got it all finalised, then on the 7/7/20 three days before the wedding (Mark's birthday) found out that the restrictions were going to change and that all our guests were then going to be in lockdown. We called all the suppliers and put everything on hold, as it would be too much to do with none of our guests able to attend.

We decided that we were still going to get married on the 11th regardless but thought that we would just need to have it at home, just the 5 of us, but then we spoke with the secretary of the Highlands Hall committee to see if there was a chance of getting married there. Judy was more than helpful with looking into this and going through the restrictions with us and when we got the go ahead the wedding was back on track!

With the restrictions limiting attendance to 20 guests and having it at the local hall we thought it only right to invite a few of the locals, that Eden has connected with, to celebrate our special day with us. Although this was not what we had planned our neighbours gave us their full support, even giving us three beautiful bunches of flowers (Leucodendrons) from Bruce & Helen's garden to help decorate the hall.

We set up on the Friday night, with a couple of final touches on the Saturday morning, and then had a beautiful service with a few of our neighbours to help us celebrate our marriage.

We would like to thank our guests on the day for coming along to celebrate it with us especially with such short notice under the circumstances.

Eden's parents Jan and Larry Taylor for their blessing, support and help to make this a truly special day for us.

Eden's friend Jess surprising Eden on the day by doing her hair (because a bride shouldn't do her own hair on her wedding day) and also making sure we had our wedding song playing for Eden's entrance and as a stand in best man to pin on my boutonniere, (basically general go to legend of the day).

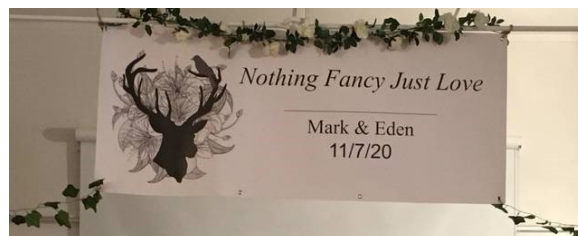
Eden Nicholls ('Mother Eden' Parish Priest of the Anglican Parish of Yea) for marrying us and making it a beautiful service.

Bill Bates (Bate Creates Photography Yarra Valley) for his professional and relaxed approach to accommodate our last minute changes and work with us to provide us with the best photos of our special day.

Nici Thompson (florist in Yea) for the beautiful works of art that she created when making the bridal bouquet, grooms' boutonniere and other accessories.

Finally, all of the community and committee members that keep this beautiful hall going.

### Eden & Mark



**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**PROPOSED GOVERNANCE RULES**



Notice is given that at a meeting held of the Strathbogieshire Council on 21 July 2020, the Council resolved to give notice of its **intention to make new Governance Rules (the proposed Governance Rules) under section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).**

The following information about the draft Governance Rules is provided in accordance with section 60(4) of the Act:

**Purpose of the draft Governance Rules:**

The purpose of the proposed Governance Rules is to:

- Outline processes for Councillors, committee members and staff to declare conflicts of interest
- Provide for Council's Election (Caretaker) Period Policy
- Identify processes for the election of Mayor and (if required) Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Delegated Committees or Community Asset Committees

Set out procedures for Council meetings, including the Audit and Risk Committee, any Delegated Committees and Community Asset Committees.

**General purport of the proposed Governance Rules:**

Chapter 1 outlines processes to ensure orderly and inclusive Council meetings, which in turn support good governance & sound decision making. Community participation in Council meetings has been broadened to reinforce the importance of community input into our decision-making processes. The same meetings procedures apply to all Delegated Committees, Community Asset Committees and the Audit and Risk Committee unless otherwise resolved by Council.

Procedures for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are outlined in Chapter 1 and are similar to what is currently in place under Council's Meetings Procedure Local Law No 1 of 2014. Conflicts of interest must be declared by Councillors, members of Committees and Council Staff (either providing advice to a Council or Committee meeting or making decisions under delegated powers). Chapter 2 sets out the process for transparently declaring these interests in accordance with the Act.

Chapter 3 deals with more informal meetings of Councillors and how records of those in attendance and a summary of the matters discussed at these meetings are to be made available to the public through the Council agenda and minutes. This chapter also deals with the classification of information as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer to ensure there is continuity with the 1989 Act.

The Election (Caretaker) Period Policy is outlined in Chapter 4 and is essentially the same as that adopted by Council in March 2020, with minor amendments to reflect the passing of the 2020 Act.

**How can I get a copy of the proposed Governance Rules?**

Copies of the proposed Governance Rules will be available in hard copy from Council's Customer Service Centres at Euroa (109a Binney Street, Euroa) and Nagambie (293 High Street, Nagambie) during office hours.

An electronic copy can be found on Council's website [www.strathbogieshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogieshire.vic.gov.au) under the Have Your Say button. Further information on the proposed Governance Rules can be provided by calling Council on 1800 065 993.

**Making a written submission**

Any person affected by the proposed Governance Rules is welcome to make a written submission to the Council in accordance with section 60(4) of the Act. **Written submissions must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020 and addressed to Ms Julie Salomon, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 177 Euroa Vic 3666 or for Ms Salomon's attention via email to [info@strathbogieshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogieshire.vic.gov.au).**

Anyone who makes a written submission may also request an opportunity to make a verbal presentation, or nominate someone to make the presentation on their behalf, to Council in support of their comments at a **Council meeting to be held at 4pm on Friday 21 August 2020 at Council's Conference Centre, Bury Street Euroa (the meeting will not be held if no submissions are received). Adoption of the proposed Governance Rules will be considered at a Council meeting to be held at 5pm Tuesday 25 August 2020 at the same location.**

Any written submissions received are not confidential and may be incorporated into the Agenda for this Council meeting, including the name of the submitter and may be made available on the Shire's website as part of Council minutes and agendas.

**JULIE SALOMON**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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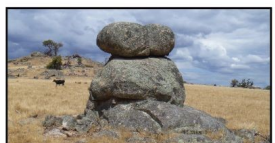
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