



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

As we're now almost in the middle of another school holiday break it's timely to review the publication of multiple issues of The Granite News each week. For the last 14 weeks TGN has been winging its way to you, twice weekly, in an effort to keep our communities connected and informed during these unprecedented times. I hope that this original purpose has been achieved and that you have enjoyed reading about a variety of things whilst staying safe and connected.

Most TGN readers live in rural areas and with our sparse populations we are relatively isolated from hot spots and busy shopping centres. How lucky we are, in this respect, has become more apparent in the last few days as 10 postcodes in Melbourne are now back in lockdown for 4 weeks.

It seems that life in the bush has developed a new 'normal' over the last few months and we are all now familiar with the 4 most important aspects for prevention of Covid-19

- * coughing into one's elbow
- * hand washing and sanitising
- * social distancing of 1.5m
- * see a doctor if displaying Covid symptoms

Due to this wider awareness of Coronavirus, careful behaviour & common sense this will be the last Covid-19 TGN issue. There will now be a mini-break and as of **Sunday 12th July** TGN will revert to a weekly publication.

On a totally different tack, Alistair - keeper of the official rain gauge at Highlands has added to June's raw data with the following details - since 1908 (112 years) only 8 other years have been wetter than January-June 2020's rainfall. The most recent wettest year was 1974 with 596mm.

Finally, there are 2 articles in this issue of TGN that are most important reads concerning HCCC and Landcare. An important meeting, see below is happening on **Friday 10th July** & with limited numbers RSVPs are essential. It would be most appreciated too if as many readers as possible could respond to the HCCC's membership drive, see p.3, and I look forward to the Editor's email inbox being inundated with **YES** responses. Thanks.

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

And Kenny? Had embedded himself in the Coronavirus depiction on p.2

HCCC News

On **Friday, 10th July at 7.30pm**, HCCC will be running two meetings concurrently, in order to comply with current Covid social distancing measures and to allow the greatest possible community involvement.

The meetings will focus on planning for future funding for our facilitators.

1. Highlands Hall: All interested members from the Highlands and Whiteheads Creek areas.

2. Ruffy TCC: All interested members from the Ruffy, Terip, Caveat and Tarcombe areas.

To keep numbers to the limits required, please notify HCCC of your intention to attend either of these meetings. **Contact Jenny 57969236 OR 0408 969236**



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au
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www.highlands.org.au

"It is not the masks and gloves that are the most important defence against the Covid-19 virus, it is people's behaviour."

Margaret Jennings

Infection control microbiologist

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



Coronavirus 24hr Hotline



1800 020 080

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
June	99.6 mm	96 mm
2020 Total	572.6 mm	688 mm
June Rain Days	23 Days	14 Days



Community Notices & Classifieds

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

<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">1st weekend of the month (not winter) 10-4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">2nd Monday each month @ 11am</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</p> <p>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</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">2nd Wednesday each month @ 9.30am</p> 	<p>TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA Community Centre</p> <p>This enjoyable social event is open to anyone who enjoys a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce. enjoy a cuppa, swap</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">2nd Friday each month @ 6.30pm</p> 	<p>DRINKS ON THE TABLE Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>Starts at 6.30pm. A chance to catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially those who don't have a power. at ???????</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">3rd Thursday or Friday each month</p>	<p>HUGHES CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE MEETING at ???????</p> <p>The next meeting will be in 2020 commencing at 7pm. All welcome. Enquiries? - contact Justus 5790 4268</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Last Thursday each month @ 5.30pm</p>	<p>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church</p> <p>All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">4th Saturday each month 10-12 or 12-2</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? Please note the Mobile Library Service is temporarily suspended until further notice!!</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Every Monday @ 10 am</p>	<p>QIGONG AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</p> <p>Vivien Watmough looks forward to welcoming you to the benefits of this ancient well-being practice. For bookings and enquiries please call Vivien or email: vivienwatmough@gmail.com</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASS at Euroa Uniting Church Hall</p> <p>Swing dances featuring Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559</p>

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

Great news for all the bibliophiles who make excellent use of the Euroa Library...

Euroa Library will be opening on additional days to the public.

Since re-opening, we have been gradually increasing our services and monitoring our capacities to ensure our communities can borrow and use our computers as safely as possible.

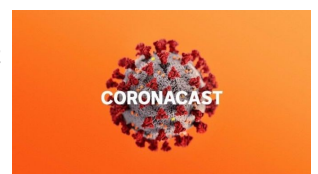
We are currently open with a maximum of 20 patrons in our library spaces and from **Monday 29th June** will be open at the following times

Tuesday to Friday	10am -12noon	&	2pm -5pm
Saturday	10am - 12noon		

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We need your help- HCCC Landcare needs official members

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are reviewing the Landcare Facilitator Program.

The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program funds 78 part-time Landcare facilitators who are employed directly by a range of organisations including Landcare and environmental groups and networks.



For continued funding for 2020-21, an Expression of Interest will open later in the year for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks who would like to seek funding to employ a Landcare Facilitator from 1 January 2021 under the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program. This new program is competitive and is open to any community group that is considered environment friendly.

The HCCC committee is currently working on an EOI and will be submitting an application to continue to employ our hard-working facilitators. **To strengthen our case we need to develop a membership register to show support for the work Landcare has done and will continue to do.**

Currently the HCCC does not have any official members. Any community member with any an interest in Landcare and sustainable farming has always been welcome to attend meeting and participate in Landcare activities at no membership costs.

We are requesting the readers of the Granite News become official members of the HCCC.

Nothing will change, there will be no membership costs and both members and non-members will be welcome to attend meetings and participate in all activities. This is open to anyone with an interest in Landcare in the area; it is not confined to permanent residents.

To make this process as simple as possible for recipients of the Granite News to become members please just reply back to TGN's Editor with your name and YES as an indication of your interest in HCCC membership.

This can be done in two ways

- 1. Reply back to the email that sent you this Granite News with your name and YES or**
- 2. Email your name and YES to the editor at editor@tgn.org.au**

Further information on the Facilitator Program can be found on the following web site

https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0030/465672/VLFP-FAQ.pdf

Your support would be greatly appreciated by your HCCC Landcare committee. Thank-you

Is anyone interested???

I was a prolific jam maker but now that my best customer (Dad) has gone I have a large quantity of glass jars and lids to move on. I will deliver locally if the new owner will take all of the jars. They are 350g size or larger. I quickly counted 50 but I have more stored elsewhere.

Interested? Contact Judith at dawnstanpark3666@icloud.com or wait till July 12th for more information.

Bob Hawke Landcare Award

The Bob Hawke Landcare Award is a prestigious, national award that publicly recognises an individual involved in championing Landcare and who inspires others to take action on their own property or through a Landcare group.

The award acknowledges an individual's leadership and commitment to Landcare, natural resource management and sustainable agriculture. The award nomination is open to an individual who champions the uptake of sustainable agriculture practices and can demonstrate the adoption of improved practises among landholders as a consequence this action.

They will be closely involved in Landcare, and can demonstrate an outstanding commitment to local communities and drive community activity.

Nominations close: 31 August 2020

Prize: the Bob Hawke Landcare Award recipient will be awarded a **prize package to the value of \$50,000** for further development of their knowledge and skills in sustainable land management to enable an even stronger contribution to Landcare.

Award presentation: the Bob Hawke Landcare Award will be presented at the National Landcare Awards gala dinner on **Thursday 11 March, 2021** in Sydney.

For more information & to submit a nomination: visit the Bob Hawke Landcare Award website:

<https://bobhawkelandcareaward.com.au/>

Avoid a fire in your caravan, camper or tent this holidays....

Store fuels used for equipment such as generators and chainsaws well away from heat sources and sleeping areas.



SAVE the DATE (to be confirmed)

Terip Tennis Club AGM

Monday August 3, 2020

@ 7.30pm

@the Terip Rec Reserve



**YEE HA! Just what we've been waiting for...
But with the latest regulations we'll have to wait a little longer—stay tuned**

Subject to the Covid-19 restrictions in place on the proposed date, the **Highlands Hall Committee** has decided to resume "Drinks-on-the-Deck"

Postponed



LOST - have you seen these cattle?

2 Black Angus steers are missing from **2848 Highlands Rd Highlands** near Highlands Hall. They have green tags labelled "Habbies Howe".

If you've seen them or have any information, please contact

Ernesto: 0404 557 354



REGISTER NOW

TENDER WORKSHOP

Murrindindi Shire Council, together with Tender Right, is holding an online workshop on Monday 6 July to assist businesses interested in tendering for Council services and projects. You can choose between two sessions; 12 noon - 1.00 pm or 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

The workshop will outline the tender process, help businesses understand tender documents and use the e-tendering portal, as well as explain the evaluation criteria so you can get an idea of what we are looking for. The workshop will also discuss OH&S, Quality Management System requirements and how you can write a persuasive tender that gets you shortlisted.

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