

THE GRANITE NEWS



The Granite News - serving the communities of Caveat, Highlands, Hughes Creek, Ruffy, Tarcombe, Terip Terip & Whiteheads Creek.



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Welcome, Wumindjika & G'day

Spring has definitely sprung - The Granite News has had its usual 2-week hiatus and suddenly the email inbox is full to bursting with a plethora of activities, ads and announcements that all need to go into **THIS** week's issue, which is the biggest one ever!!

It is really gratifying to see what an important instrument TGN is for keeping the HCCC communities connected (as well as readers beyond). So many thanks to those of you who read it and also contribute.

Speaking of which there is an excellent article by Keith from Avenel in this issue about a recent trip to Arnhem Land and his very informative experiences there. For those of us who have largely lived our lives somewhat ignorant of the actions taken by indigenous communities, for almost 100 years - 1938 being a watershed moment in this story - (see p.10 for details) the Yirrkala Bark Petitions of 1963 may come as a complete surprise. But as these important historical documents are now on display in Parliament House and the National Museum in Canberra go to p.11 to find out more about this significant event in our country's history. Thanks Keith for sharing.



October also celebrates two Landcare essentials - Water Week and Bird Count. See p. 14 and p.7 respectively for more information.

It also sees the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative (HCCC) welcome local sitting member for Euroa - **Annabelle Cleeland, MLA to its next meeting - Thursday 9th October at the TCC Ruffy at 7.30pm.** It's not often that Landcare groups get an opportunity to chat with their parliamentary representatives so an interested attendance would be great.

Can't make it in person? Join in via the Zoom link here -

<https://zoom.us/j/98780693308?pwd=xeCftmFPpbBBCa9Zac2WFuIHEKAi4.1>

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was getting excited about Wilderhoods event - 16/10

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"Unlike the stomach, the brain doesn't alert you when it is empty."

Arabic Proverb



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
Sept.	32mm	38 mm
2025 Total	500 mm	504.5 mm
Rainy Days	11 days	10 days

NB: Rainfall for Highlands was only 1/3 of September's usual amount.

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Victorians are being urged to prepare for the upcoming fire season, as part of CFA's "Get Fire Ready" month during October. CFA brigades are hosting activities at fire stations and community events to meet residents and provide practical advice on how they can plan for what may be an increased fire risk this summer.

"Get Fire Ready" focuses on helping householders understand their local bushfire and grassfire risks, including how to create a survival plan, and learning where to access emergency information.

Getting prepared doesn't need to be complicated. Clearing gutters, mowing lawns and trimming branches around homes can reduce the chance of embers starting a fire.

Families are encouraged to make a fire plan that includes where they will go if a fire breaks out, and making sure they have set a watch zone in the VicEmergency app to receive alerts.

The "Get Fire Ready" events strengthen connections between CFA brigades and their local communities, ensuring everyone has the information they need. All Victorians, particularly those in high-risk areas, are encouraged to attend a local event by visiting www.cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready

You can also request a free "Get Fire Ready" pack to be sent to you by filling out an online form at the same website address.

1938 - 'We hereby make protest'

On January 26 1938, while many Australians celebrated the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet, a group of Aboriginal men and women gathered at Australia Hall in Sydney. They had come together to continue a struggle that had begun 150 years previously. They met to move the following resolution:

'WE, representing THE ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA, assembled in conference at the Australian Hall, Sydney, on the 26th day of January, 1938, this being the 150th Anniversary of the seizure of our country, HEREBY MAKE PROTEST against the callous treatment of our people during the past 150 years, AND WE APPEAL to the Australian nation of today to make new laws for the education and care of Aborigines, we ask for a new policy which will raise our people TO FULL CITIZEN STATUS and EQUALITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.'

The first Day of Mourning was a culmination of years of work by the Australian Aborigines League (AAL) and the Aborigines Progressive Association (APA). It would become the inspiration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activism throughout the remainder of the twentieth century. In the early 1960s, both organisations would reform and reshape and become the driving force calling for a constitutional referendum that would take place in 1967.