

# 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 But as these important historical documents are now on display in Parliament House and the National Museum in Canberra go to p.11 to find out more about this significant event in our country's history.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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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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

"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.**



## October 2025

### Discover the birds in your backyard

Join bird behaviour expert Gráinne Cleary on Tuesday 7 October from 5.45 to 7.30 pm (online session from 6.00 pm) at Alexandra Chambers, Kinglake Library, Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre or online.

This free webinar will explore how bird songs, movements and even their silences can reveal the health of our environment, and how you can take part in the Aussie Bird Count (20-26 October). For more information, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/birdsinthebackyard](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/birdsinthebackyard)

### Free business networking brunch in Yea

Join local businesses and entrepreneurs from Murrindindi Shire for a free networking brunch on Tuesday 28 October from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Country Club Yea's Oliver Room.

Hear Council updates and a keynote presentation, Work Reimagined: Building Resilient Hybrid Teams in the Hume region, delivered by Regional Development Australia – Melbourne with insights from Swinburne University and local leaders. Register at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/businessnetworking](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/businessnetworking)

### Children's Week Storytimes

Our libraries are hosting special story time sessions for Children's Week, featuring *The Right to Be Me* by Allison Paterson and Amanda Letcher. Each child will also receive the book.

Story time sessions:

- 20 October, 10.00 to 10.30 am at Alexandra
- 21 October, 10.30 to 11.30 am at Kinglake
- 21 October, 10.00 to 10.30 am at Yea
- 23 October, 10.00 to 10.30 am at Alexandra
- 24 October, 10.30 to 11.30 am at Kinglake

For more information, call 5772 0333 or visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/childrensweek2025](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/childrensweek2025)

### Free green waste disposal in October

Council is offering free green waste disposal from 1 October to 30 November at our Resource Recovery Centres in the lead-up to the fire season. Normal processing charges will apply outside this period. Learn more at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rrc](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rrc)

### Office closure for training day

Council's Library and Customer Service Centres will be closed on Wednesday 15 October for staff training. While the rest of Council will remain operational, phones will be diverted to the after-hours service.

For urgent matters such as stock on roads, dog attacks or unsafe road conditions, including fallen trees over roads, please call (03) 5772 0333 at any time or submit non-urgent requests at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request)

### Urban Tree Strategy open for feedback

Council invites residents to provide feedback on the draft Urban Tree Strategy, which aims to enhance tree diversity and sustainable management. Your input is crucial in shaping this Strategy. Feedback closes 13 October 2025. Visit our website to learn more at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantrestrestrategy](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantrestrestrategy)

### Free lunches for Seniors in October

To mark the 2025 Victorian Seniors Festival, Council is hosting free lunch events for seniors. Join us to hear from guest speakers and enjoy a performance by musician Steve Paix.

Visit our website to register by 19 October at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival2025](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival2025) or by calling Council on 5772 0333.

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We thank the Taungurung ancestors and elders who, for millennia, have cared for this country on which we now live, work, play and grow.

May the current generations of Taungurung, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.