

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

As the end of the year rapidly approaches it's probably timely to remind all readers that The Granite News takes a well-earned break over the summer season. After this issue there are only 2 more TGNs for 2022, with the final issue landing in your emails on December 11th before recommencing on Sunday 15th January 2023.

With this in mind if any readers have any events to publicise for the end of 2022 or the beginning of 2023 please send them to editor@tgn.org.au before this coming Thursday evening or by 8/12.

Read on for another great issue... **Pauline**
And Kenny Koala...was looking at the small, native roadside flowers.

Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.au

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

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Anonymous

I just found this old tape, so I gave it a play. I don't recommend it at all. Head Cleaner - worst band ever...



Can you work out the names of 3 more Victorian suburbs or towns?

Jam
Ice-cream Brand
Canned Fruit

Did you know?

Tasmanian Devils are Australia's largest surviving carnivorous mammal. When factoring in their size, Tasmanian devils are said to have the strongest bite force. They weigh in at around 9kg, but their bite force quotient is found to be the strongest in carnivorous mammals relative to their size. The Tasmanian devil's strong bite actually aids them in eating, as it helps to crush their food (even bones!) into smaller pieces so that their stomach can digest their food.

Managing Farms in a Changing & More Challenging Climate

Friday 2 December | 3.30pm-5.30pm
Avenel Memorial Hall
15 Queen Street, Avenel VIC

Join the recently revived **Burnt Creek Landcare Group** at their first public event! Feat. Professor Timothy Reeves AM & Jim Shovelton who will discuss challenges facing land managers in a time of climate uncertainty, rapidly increasing input costs, and ways farmers can manage the transition to a lower emissions environment.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED - ALL WELCOME

RSVP by 30th November via email to Susie:
benacre49@gmail.com

For more information please contact Susie Bate
0409 174 041 or Tony Kent 0418 101 788

This event is supported by the Victorian Landcare Grants



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning



	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - November & December 2022	
See 6/11 TGN	Tuesday 29th Nov. @ 10am	SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR DOGS Enquiries? Craig 0407 800651	in Highlands
See last TGN	Wed. 30th Nov. @ 7.30pm	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM Everyone welcome to attend.	at Terip Tennis Club Enquiries? Rob 0401 933681
Details see p.4	Saturday 3rd Dec. 9am - 4pm	WORKING BEE Lots of jobs to do, everyone is welcome as many hands make light work! Lunch provided. Enquiries? 0409 528235	at the Highlands Hall NB: NEW Date!!
Details see p.5	Saturday 3rd Dec. @ 6pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY XMAS PARTY Enquiries? Melissa 0404 833388	 at TCC, Ruffy
Details see p.5	Saturday 3rd Dec. @ 6pm	TERIP CHRISTMAS BBQ -  OR DESSERT TO SHARE	@ Terip Reserve
	Mon. 5th & Thurs. 8th Dec.	EUROA ARBORETUM END of YEAR SALE - 50% OFF	@ Euroa Arboretum
See 6/11 TGN	Friday 9th Dec. @ 10.30 am	LONGWOOD EAST ROADSIDE WALK - Meet @ 331 Gap Rd, Longwood RSVPs by Thursday 1st December - 0407 604012	
Details see p.5	Friday 9th Dec. @ 6.30pm	HIGHLANDS - CAVEAT END-OF-YEAR FAMILY GET TOGETHER	@ Highlands Hall
Details see p.5	Tuesday 13th December	REGENERATING RURAL LANDSCAPES FREE BOOTCAMPS Do you want to rehydrate your farm landscape, implement regenerative grazing, improve farm biodiversity and create a healthy and productive landscape? Sign up now for the second workshop. Enquiries? vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au	in the Highlands
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be in Highlands - Nov. 30th and Dec. 14th.	at Highlands Community Hall
It's Back!	Every Monday @ 10am	QI GONG Returning for 2022, everyone is welcome.	at the Tablelands Community Centre Contact Vivien 0405 612 400
	Every Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30 am	CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid \$20 per class BYO Mat & blanket	at the Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor

The 20 November 2022 edition showed a photo of Avenel sand and landslips. See photo at left >>>

The recent consistent and heavy rainfalls in NE Victoria mean that water levels are higher in creeks and that peak flows can be extreme. The increased flows give the water more power to undercut creek banks and to move more and larger material downstream. One result is the collapse of trees along creek banks and next to the drains along roads; the latter explains several of the road blockages.

With gentle creek flow, water has the ability to pick up and move fine clay grains and these are carried down to Goolwa SA eventually, i.e. the ocean. The larger sand sized grains don't move at low water levels, but come flood times the sands and pebbles are picked up, moved downstream, and then deposited where the creek profiles flatten out on the northern plains, i.e. near the Hume Freeway which has been built near this slope change.

The exceptional rain this Spring has made some hillsides unstable and near Tallarook several landslips have occurred. There is plenty of evidence for landslips 100s and 1000s years ago on our steeper slopes, but we now have a few that are pristine and formed in October 2022.

One of these was over 1.5 km long, crossed the Goulburn Valley Highway and involved over 10,000 tonnes of debris. Within this debris, one single rock stands on its own today over 100m from its starting position and is over 10 tonnes.

Another landslip near Falls Creek is receiving publicity this year because it blocks an access road; and in recent years other landslips have blocked access to Tidal River at Wilsons Promontory and closed the Grampians for months.

I would be interested to hear of any 2022 landslips around the Strathbogie Ranges (Tallarook plateau to Mt Samaria) and maybe I could visit next year. Please record details now of dates and photos if possible.

I am always grateful for the support the local community gives to our ongoing Strathbogie Granite Research Project.

Neil Phillips
neil.phillips@bigpond.com

Where did all this sand come from??



This photo shows masses of sand deposited below the bridges at Avenel.

This photo is near Tallarook - Neil Phillips



DATE for your 2023 DIARY!

Trust that incredibly social community of Treip to be the first cab off the rank with a social event for 2023!

Saturday 11th February 2023 is the great TRIVIA NIGHT!!

& will be held at the Rec. After a long Covid hiatus, we are hoping a local Terip team can regain the title back from the reigning Trivia champions - Ruffy!

Euroa Arboretum

End of Year Plant Sale - 50% Off

Species include: Bulbine and Chocolate lilies, Grass Trees, Correa, small amount of eucalyptus species.

Many sedges, groundcovers, peas, casuarina and more.



SALE Dates
Monday 5th Dec. & Thursday 8th Dec.
12-4pm

Our nursery then closes for Summer. We will be busy propagating plants for next season and reopen next April.

Highlands Community Hall & CFA Volunteer Working Bee

Everyone welcome

Saturday 3rd December @ 9pm – 4pm,

BBQ lunch - provided by the CFA

Sunday 4th December morning only for a final tidy up.

RSVP to let Robyn know so she can make sure there is plenty to eat and drink.

lingardglass@ozemail.com.au or 0409 528 235

A big push is needed to get the Hall and grounds ready for the end of year bash on 9th December.

BRING YOUR TOOLS, PPE, ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM & GOOD CHEER

Jobs outside

- Side and front garden needs weeding and cutting back.
- Remove slippery moss and weeds from paths.
- Front and back overgrown hedges need trimming and shaping.
- Removal of a lot of the growth around the toilet block.
- Remove overhanging branches from over the toilet block.
- The big wattle between the tanks and the toilet block could go.

Inside: Painting and general cleaning

Schoolhouse room

1. Primer/white paint to match on new boards under blackboard and small area behind door.
2. Primer/white paint to match doorframe and architraves both sides.
3. Take down the spotlight system that has now been disconnected. Store in box under stage.
4. Clean cobwebs, blowflies and debris out of strip lighting covers.
5. Sand and revive with fresh paint the two long benches.

Kitchen

Prime/white paint to match doorframe and architraves both sides.

Seymour Agricultural & Pastoral Society



SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited for a 12 month scholarship of \$5000 for young people aged 17-25 years in the Seymour region studying or planning to study in any agricultural or sustainable resource management field at a tertiary level.

Other areas of study which will benefit the rural community will be considered.

Applications close:

Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Seymour A&P Society Scholarship

PO Box 6, Seymour, VIC, 3661

or phone 0438 577 126 or 0428 969 255

Or email applications to:

jldalziel12@bigpond.com



Darren Gilbert's Open Studio

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th Dec.

10 - 4

Butter Factory, Rattray St, Yea
Great Christmas shopping!

YOGA on Tuesdays NEW weekly class

Commencing 1st November 2022

8.30am -9.30am

\$20

Tablelands Community Centre 27 Nolans Rd Ruffy

Classes will be tailored to suit students' level of practice and will be a fun easy class for all ages.

BYO -Matt and warm blanket, pillow and props if you have any that you like to use.



Terip Christmas BBQ



Saturday 3rd December
6pm onwards
Bring a salad/dessert to share
\$15 For BBQ Dinner

RSVP by 27 November to
Jenny 0448 833 875 or
Jonathan 0448 128 298 or
Terip Facebook page
'Terip Terip Community'

Regenerative Agriculture days
with David Hardwick
Restore and rehydrate your farm landscape

REGENERATING
rural
LANDSCAPES

15th November, 13th December 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Rehydrate your farm landscape
Implement regenerative grazing
Improve farm biodiversity
Create a healthy and productive landscape

FREE 2 DAY BOOTCAMP
in the Highlands

Book for one or both dates
15 November
13 December

Lunch provided

Enquiries at vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au

Biosecurity measures will be in place.
Please wear appropriate shoes & clothing, and follow
biosecurity protocols at your arrival

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State Government

This event is sponsored by Hughes
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Government.

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Landcare

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT 6 PM
TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE
27 NOLANS ROAD RUFFY

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK
JUMPING CASTLE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
FREE BBQ & LAMB ON THE SPIT
BYO SALAD OR DESSERT
TO SHARE
DROP OFF NAMED PRESENTS FOR SANTA

Strathbogie
SHIRE COUNCIL

You are invited to the
Highlands/Caveat
End of Year Family Get Together

Friday 9th of December at 6.30pm
The Highlands/Caveat Community Group
Highlands Hall

BBQ provided
BYO drinks, glass, chair, and a salad to share

This is a community break up, so we invite all
groups and members to attend

<p>HABBIES HOWE BEEF</p> <p>MATURE, WELL HUNG & AVAILABLE</p> <p>IGA SEYMOUR GARY'S MEATS, PRAHRAN MARKET</p> <p>L&L MEATS, BENTLEIGH</p> <p>SCOTCH AND FILLET ST HELENA, MENTONE & MERNDA</p>	 <p>LAWSON</p> <p>General earthworks & hole boring Diesel repairs & servicing Metal fabrication & welding Shed construction & removal</p> <p>Callum - 0437 182 223 5796 9265 lawsonbluetop@gmail.com</p>	<p>Chris Sharman</p> <p>Energy Efficiency & Solar Energy Specialist</p> <p>Acme – Air Conditioning Electrical Solar</p> <p>M: 0418 551 301 T: Office - 9785 7339 E: chris@acmeair.com.au</p>	 <p>CF & HL HANDASYDE BUILDERS</p> <p>Established 1978 NEW HOMES, EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS, DOMESTIC, RURAL ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS. Registered Building Practitioner Call Colin for a quote Telephone: 0419 502 782</p>
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 <p>Murrindindi Shire Council</p> <p>Cr John Walsh Koriella Ward Murrindindi Shire Council jwalsh@murrindindi.vic.gov.au 0437 835 586</p>	<p>Tablelands Community Centre</p> <p>Upgraded facilities & playground Ideal for Private or Community gatherings Meetings, Workshops Very reasonable rates Hosts 1st Friday BBQs Contact tccruffy@gmail.com Ph 0404 833 388</p>	 <p>PATON HELICOPTERS</p> <p>For All your Aerial Spraying or Spreading Needs. Specialising in Blackberries, Broadleaf, Thistles, Spreading lime/fertilizer & More</p> <p>Call 0484108854 48 Magills Lane Maindample 3723</p> 	<p>Donated by supporters of our local koala population</p> 
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The Granite News is usually created on the lands of the Taungurung clans - First people of the Rivers and Mountains.



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, landowners and residents continue this important custodianship into the future.