

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

Gorgeous autumnal weather has been a feature of the past week and deciduous trees throughout the HCCC area remind us that Bright and the Ovens Valley are not the only parts of the state that positively 'glow' in autumn with leaves changing colour.

Sadly, the upcoming forecast is not quite so benign so make the most of the last of this year's balmy autumn days.

Children however don't mind inclement weather when it comes to playing with autumn leaves. In another chunk of my life, I taught a grade of over 30 Prep students and one of the excursions for their first year at school was to the Fitzroy Gardens with the other 120 Preps. Piles of crunchy autumn leaves were scattered by small feet or thrown joyously into the air in a cascade of warm colours. It was a scene of unbridled joy and absolute fun for all involved.

Children having fun outdoors and playing with nature, is about to take off in Ruffy on a fortnightly basis - see below - and squeals of joyful discovery will no doubt echo around the Tablelands hills & paddocks.

Read on for another excellent issue, Pauline
And Kenny? Was still enjoying the HCCC's April Fool's Picnic.



NEW!!

Commencing

**Tuesday 9th May
10-12**

and then fortnightly

**Why not come along
and join in the**

FUN!

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

"Sometimes I feel like I have my life together and then I'm like
WOW
that was a really nice
45 seconds! "
Anon






Did you know?

Australian landfills create 16,500 million kgs of (CO₂-e) carbon dioxide-equivalent greenhouse gas emissions annually. This is 3% of the planet's total annual greenhouse emissions.

Composting fixes carbon in the soil and prevents carbon from entering the atmosphere.

By composting food scraps at home each one of us could divert 120 kg of waste from landfill and prevent 192 kg of greenhouse gas emissions from being created each year.

Good Money - Australian Ethical

| | NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events. | What's On - May 2023 |
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|  | Friday 5th May from 6pm | FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! Enquires: 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com |
| Details? See p.4 | Saturday 6th May 10-12 | HCCC's FIELD DAY on FARM DAMS @ Weibye Track, Ruffy An excellent opportunity to discover the latest research on dams RSVPs by May 1st |
| | Sat.6th & Sun. 7th May 10-4 | DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO @ YEA BUTTER FACTORY Open first weekend each month - 13 Rattray St, Yea - discover some stunning artwork! |
|  | Monday 8th May @ 11am | HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands spinning Club will get together in 2023 at the same place - 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan 5790 4361 |
|  | Tuesday 9th May 10-noon | TABLELANDS KIDS PLAY GROUP @ Tablelands Community Centre, Ruffy FIRST SESSION - All ages welcome, homeschoolers too. Every second Tuesday. |
|  | Friday 12th May @ 6.30 | DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Community Hall Starts @ 6.30pm, bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882 |
| | Thursday 18th May @ 7pm | HCCC MONTHLY MEETING Terip Rec Reserve Everyone welcome - put the date in your diary now. Enquiries? Justus - 0427 524473 |
| | Thursday 25th May @ 5.30pm | SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat |
|  | Sunday 28th May @ 10am | HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS @ Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235 |
|  | Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30 | MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates are 3rd, 17th & 31st May and 14th & 28th June. |
| | Every Monday @ 10am | RUFFY QI GONG has recommenced - EVERY Monday - at 10.00am. |
| | 2nd & 4th Sundays | ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group |
| | Every Tuesday 8.45 - 9.45 am | CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid at the Tablelands Community Centre \$20 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com |

Trust for Nature Conservation Covenants

Mitchell Shire Council (with Hume City Council and City of Whittlesea) is hosting a webinar on conservation covenants with Trust for Nature on **Wednesday 3 May 6.30pm to 8.30pm**.

The webinar will cover :

- What is a conservation covenant
- Why place a conservation covenant on your land
- what are the costs and benefits
- The steps involved
- What makes a property eligible for a covenant
- What it does to the value of your land
- What you can/can't do in a covenant area
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See <https://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/our-region/events/webinar-trust-for-nature-conservation-covenants>

with Bookings via [Eventbrite](#)

Know Your Weeds

Thistle (Artichoke) - *Cynara Cardunculus*

A spiky erect herb to 2m tall with grey-green leaves and white underneath due to a thick covering of fine hairs. Deeply toothed with each tooth ending in a sharp spine. Base leaves can be 90cm long but shorter towards the top

Stems are also covered in hairs and can be up to 2m tall with 1-8 stems per plant.

In summer purple to blue flowerheads are found at the end of the stems and surrounded by stiff spines.

This perennial plant generally colonises waste areas and weaker pastures and its seed can be spread by water, wind, equipment or vehicles and is eaten by stock.



The optimum time for eradication is July to November with April to June and December also a possibility. Spot spraying on foliage, hand weeding and cultivation prior to flowering are all useful control options.

Artichoke Thistles are a Regionally Prohibited Weed.

For further information re eradication email - info@hccclandcare.net.au

Letter to the Editor

G'day Pauline,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who responded to the article on elderberries.

It will be interesting to see the results of some ideas presented.

Many kind regards from John Sporry

Notice of Public Meeting

Saturday 6th May 2:00pm at Ruffy Hall

An open meeting for the community to hear from the SRRCG committee on developments with the proposed Seymour Wind Farm.

The committee will present their current strategy and explain what activities are being worked on, what activities the general community can assist with, and any specific requests for assistance that community members may be able to provide.

Community members will have the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions of the committee, or offer to join the committee to assist in our opposition to this proposal.

If you have any specific concerns or questions that you would like to be addressed it would assist us to have them prior to the meeting, you can email them to info@srrcg.com

Darryl Otzen
Secretary srrcg.com

Free Firewood

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Calling all crafty people, that's crafty as in arty, as opposed to sneaky....

The annual UFO (Un-Finished Projects) weekend is once again happening at the Highlands Hall on

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May

Come along & have a great time continuing or commencing your next masterpiece

For further information **0408 246308**



JOIN US FOR A FIELD DAY ON FARM DAMS



When? Saturday, May 6th, 10 am - 12 pm

Where? Weibye track, Ruffy

Join us for lunch afterwards

Hear the latest research on:

Improving water quality and its benefits for productivity

Revegetating dams and adding habitat features

Farm dams as biodiversity hotspots

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Increasing water security

Reticulated water systems

RSVP by the 1st of May at vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au



This event is sponsored by Hughes Creek
Catchment Collaborative and
The Australian National University
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Salon Concerts at Broadford - "Baroque in Broadford"

In previous years TGN readers have enjoyed attending these concerts and now they're back.

Salon Concerts at Broadford brings classical music played by professional musicians to regional areas for an affordable price and is presenting its 2023 season of chamber music concerts in the beautiful bush setting home of Peter Hagen (brother of Justus Hagen) near Broadford 65 minutes north of Melbourne CBD. A map and details of the venue will be sent to you with your confirmation email or postal booking.

These concerts are all performed at 4.00pm on a Sunday afternoon with musicians performing on baroque instruments. Peter Hagen presents these concerts in his home, a small concert hall, using his copy of a Ruckers harpsichord from the early 18th century. Some of Australia's best exponents of baroque music will give you an experience of chamber music within an intimate space.

7 May - "Handel's London" Jen Kirsner - baroque violin

This Concert features some of the many eminent musicians that Handel knew or worked with in London from around 1720 -1740. Music by Handel, Carbonelli and Babbell

Peter will be joined by the director of Genesis Baroque, Jen Kirsner, playing baroque violin.



22 October - "Equal Voices" Meredith Beardmore - Baroque Flute

After their debut at the Melbourne recital Centre in February Peter and Meredith present the same concept with different pieces. This programme presents what are essentially trios where the harpsichord is essentially playing another treble instrument with the right hand and the left hand identifying as a cello. Music by J.S. Bach, Scheibe, CPE Bach.

For more information see:
<https://www.melbournerecital.com.au/events/2023/the-muses-delight/>

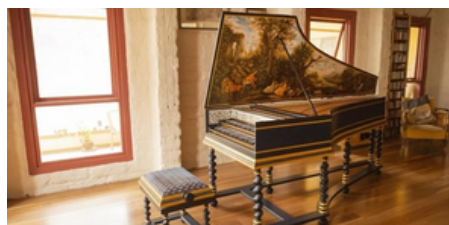
20 August - "French Basses" Sam Goble - baroque violoncello

The French had a love for music on the viola da gamba and violoncello and the lower range of the harpsichord. Sam Goble joins Peter playing cello with music by Berteau, Barriere, Corrette and Forqueray.

19 November - "Favourites from the past" Peter Hagen - Harpsichord

Peter looks back on his previously loved repertoire. In the tradition of many musicians revisiting pieces and even recording the same repertoire two or three times this concert is a retrospective of Peter's musical life.

Music by Sweelinck, JS Bach, Reincken, Bustijn, Louis Couperin



The performers in this series perform on copies of authentic baroque instruments and the string players use gut strings. This recreates the performance practices of the early 18th century thus getting as close as possible to the original sound that those audiences would have heard 300 years ago.

Tickets Adult \$44.00 \$39.00 Earlybird (10 days in advance)

Complimentary glass of wine after the concert from Nagambie Terrace wines BOOK ON:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFQLC> OR peter@peterhagen.com.au OR 03 5784 3884

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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, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.