

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

Apologies to all those readers inconvenienced by the technological glitches experienced over the last couple of weeks and the non-delivery of The Granite News as a result.

Such remediation/rectification is beyond my control as I am an Editor, not a millennial who lives and breathes all things techy and is a computer whizz - I like to think that I have other talents. However, as a second TGN was sent out mid-week and most, if not all, readers appear to have received it, a **HUGE thank you** must go out to Jono for making this possible.

Hopefully the glitches have been rectified but in future if you do not receive TGN please let me know ASAP, thanks.

Please read on for another excellent issue, Pauline

And Kenny? Was hoping to join in the new Book Group at Highlands.

BE AWARE - DETOUR IN PLACE!

Well, after waiting months for Mitchell Shire Council to repair the washway, on the Seymour-Highlands Rd just near the corner with Dropmore Rd (a result of the excessive rain and flooding last October) it appears that the repairs to the road were not very durable as last Friday evening part of the newly repaired road collapsed again.

However, this time the condition of the road has deteriorated even further and a detour via Dropmore Rd, Caveat-Dropmore Rd and Gum Rd has been put into place - commencing at the Highlands Hall to the south and Dropmore Rd to the north. A most inconvenient and, along Gum Rd in the wet, dangerous route.

As this road is a school bus route, it is to be hoped that urgent repair works can be undertaken immediately and completed in a more timely manner than the previous traffic light situation. In the meantime, factor in at least an extra 30mins travel time via the detour, opt for the Goulburn Valley Hwy to Seymour as an alternative, pack a cut lunch and hot drink to keep you sustained and contact **Mitchell Shire Council - 5734 6200**

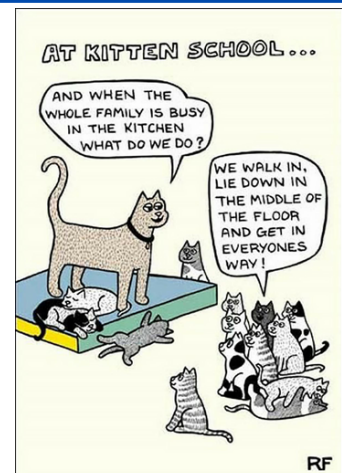


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or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.au

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

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)
American author, disability rights advocate & lecturer



Month	Highlands	Ruffy	Terip
July	57.9 mm	40 mm	41.2 mm
2023 Total	489.7 mm	435.5 mm	547.4 mm
Rainy Days	16 days	12 days	16 days

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - August 2023
Details see p.6	Weekends in August 10-4	DENNIS SPITERI - WINTERREISE - a NEW series of paintings @ Hillcrest Studio Dennis is showcasing another excellent exhibition on weekends in August - 5796 9373
	Friday 12th Aug. @ 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
	Monday 14th Aug. @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2023 at the same place - 450 Caveat - Dropmore Rd, at the same time and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea and coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan 57900 4361
Details see p.6	Tuesday 15th Aug. @ 7pm	CREIGHTON'S CREEK et al NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM @ CC Comm. Centre Everyone is welcome and all residents are encouraged to attend.
Details see p.3	Sunday 20th Aug. 10-noon	WATTLE PLANTING DAY @ Telegraph Rd, Seymour Come along and help to plant bio-link corridors for gliders in Seymour. All welcome.
	Monday 21st Aug. 2-4pm	RUFFY VEGIE PATCH CLUB @ 16 Hobart St, Ruffy Sharing ideas, knowledge & produce, all welcome. Enquiries? Janet 0458 904238
	Friday 25th Aug. 6-8 pm	HIGHLANDS BOOK GROUP - FIRST MEETING! @ Highlands Community Hall BYO finger food and drinks to share. Enquiries: Robyn 0409 528235
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates are 9th & 23rd August and 6th & 20th Sept.
	1st & 3rd Tuesday 10-12	TABLELANDS KIDS' PLAY GROUP @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy All ages welcome - Nature play - Playground - Toys - Friends - 15th Aug.
	1st & 3rd Tuesday 1-3	DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 15th August and 5th & 19th September Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	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 Tues. & Fri. 8.45-9.45	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



VALE - Jenni Shaw (Hobby)

Granite News Readers and long-term residents of the HCC area will be saddened to hear that Jenni Shaw from Gobur, and past teacher at both Ruffy and Yarck Primary Schools, has passed away. Her funeral will be at 11am on Tuesday 8th August - St Andrew's Uniting Church, Alexandra

ARTBOX has officially launched!

Last week you might have seen this ad >>> and wondered what it was all about. Now read on to find out more as the **ARTBOX** will be coming to Avenel in Oct-Nov 2023 and Ruffy in Oct-Nov 2024!

The travelling exhibition space, promoting professional and emerging artists and makers, is an exciting and innovative way to connect community and visitors to our region through Arts and Culture. It provides opportunities for regional and remote communities in the Shire to create, experience and engage with arts and culture.

ARTBOX is a mobile, professional exhibition space that welcomes proposals from artists, designers, festivals, curators, community and cultural groups in all art forms including but not limited to; visual arts, sculpture, craft, design, digital media, architectural installations, performance, literary arts, installation/site specific works, fashion and cultural heritage projects that display innovative ideas and approaches.

Council's aim is to provide a diverse and engaging annual exhibition program containing a mix of Council run exhibitions, local artists and art groups as well as some visiting and out of area artists.

ARTBOX is being brought to Strathbogie Shire with Creative Victoria grant funding.

More information

Arts and Culture Officer

T: 1800 065 993

E: info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Don't forget to read the ARTBOX Conditions of Hire, which contains further information and photos of the space.

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/artbox/>

Expressions of interest from artists, curators, arts groups and organisations to take part in ARTBOX are now open for the 2023/24 exhibition schedule.



Know Your Weeds

Horsetail (*Equisetum* spp.) State Prohibited Weed

Horsetails are among the world's worst agricultural weeds because of their invasive capabilities. They are native to all continents except Australia and New Zealand.

Horsetail is an erect, non-flowering herb with ribbed/grooved stems to 80cm long, with green leaves that come in 2 shapes - ring and sheath. There are 2 types of stems - fertile & sterile - and both are jointed like sheoak segments.

Pale green to yellow spores are produced at the end of the fertile stems in cones 1-4cm long.

The rhizomous roots are deep growing, up to several metres long and the plant has the ability to spread by these roots, tubers and spores as well as through the careless disposal of garden waste.

As a State Prohibited Weed the control of this weed is the responsibility of DEECA - deeca.vic.gov.au

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

STRATHBOGIES
RESPONSIBLE RENEWABLES
COMMUNITY GROUP

What's this I hear about a windfarm at Molesworth??

Italian developer, Fera, is proposing a large windfarm and transmission line development that will impact the people and environment of our area. It is important that more information is shared with you because Fera is *not* communicating with everyone equally. Join us to hear about what we know.

**MOLESWORTH HALL
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST
2023 @ 11AM**

For further information contact
info@srrcg.com
or visit the [SRRCG website](https://www.srrcg.com)



A Renewable Future for Yea # 2

Thursday 17th August at 6pm

Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre

2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the "Renewable Future for Yea" series.



Donald Mace

**General Manager Electricity
Retail, Indigo Power**

Donald will present their *Blueprint for Communities* to get to 100% Renewables.

Donald says, "Partnering with communities to tackle climate change is at the core of Indigo Power's business. We are here to collaborate with communities and aim to work with as many groups as possible. Let's create a 100% renewable energy future for your community."

Bookings essential for catering:
<https://events.humanitix.com/2030-yea-presentations>



Andrew Lawson

**Director
Fera Australia**

Andrew will speak about the proposed *Seymour Wind Farm*.

The Seymour Wind Farm investigation area is bounded by Avenel, Longwood, Ruffy, Highlands and Tarcombe. The proposed project represents an opportunity in the transition from coal power sources in accordance with Victoria's renewable energy targets of 40% by 2025 and 50% by 2030.



Letter to the Editor

Hi Pauline,

This is our new "What's on in Ruffy?" Sign To promote all the activities around our region.

I think the pic speaks for itself. Chalk and duster sit above the community defibrillator on the outside of the CFA building. So hopefully people will learn where the defibrillator is, should they ever need it. Thanks to funding by the Ruffy Community Action Group.

Felicity Sloman

Ruffy Veggie Patch Club - Monday 21st August at 2pm

@ Andy's Place 16 Hobart Street Ruffy
Sharing ideas, knowledge and produce.
New members welcome.

Enquiries? Janet Hagen 0458 904268



'WINTERREISE'
A new series of paintings
by
Dennis Spiteri

Exhibition runs from Saturday 5th August to
Sunday 27th August
Gallery only open on weekends during these dates.
Opening times: 10am – 4pm Saturdays and Sundays
Telephone (03)57969373
Email: dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au

**Hillcrest Gallery 33 Old Highlands Road, Highlands,
Victoria.**

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Creighton's Creek,
Ruffy, Terip Terip, Longwood East Neighbourhood
Watch group will be held on
Tuesday 15th August at 7pm
at the Creighton's Creek Community Centre.

All residents are encouraged to attend. Security and
safety of our community is in our hands.

CLEANER WANTED:

Two households next to each other in Ruffy are
looking for a cleaner, a total of approximately 7 hours
each week.

Please call **Peter on 0417 390 180** or **Lauren on
0488 007 175.**

War on Waste - Recycling

How much do you know about recycling and the waste
facts from the fiction? Test yourself with this quiz -
answers in next week's TGN.

**How clean do items need to be before going in the
recycling bin?**

- A - Spotless otherwise it contaminates the recycling
- B - Pretty clean with most food or liquid washed out
- C - Dirty is fine, it doesn't impact the process

**And the answer to last week's question - How much
plastic waste does every Australian throw out on
average each year? was B - 100kgs**

Australia is creating 2.6 million tonnes of plastic waste
each year — which is about 100kg per person.

An INVITATION

Book-group initial meeting planned for

Friday 25th August 6 - 8pm

BYO Finger food to share and Drinks

Expressions of interest call Robyn on 0409 528235



**It's August.... so it must be
Echidna train time!**



Keep your eyes open for this annual
delight as the female echidna leads a line-
up of males in a mating train (game).
Last one standing gets to mate and the
result is an interesting looking puggle.

FOUND

Mobile phone on Dropmore Rd
Contact Roger 5796 9213 if you
think it might be yours.



COMMUNITY MEETING IN STRATH CREEK

Would you like to speak to Council about topics or issues that affect you and your community? Come along to the Open Community Meeting in Strath Creek and speak directly to your Councillors.

Meeting details:

30 August 2023 from 5.00 - 7.00 pm
Strath Creek Public Hall
10 Ferguson Street, Strath Creek

If you, or your community group, would like to speak to Council, you are invited to attend the meeting. You will have five minutes allocated to talk directly with Murrindindi Shire Councillors about issues or ideas that are important to you and your community.

Prior registration is not required, we'll greet you and collect your details on the evening. Email governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5772 0333 for more details.

MOVING MURRINDINDI

Moving Murrindindi is a partnership program between Council and Community Accessibility.

The program aims to connect volunteer drivers with senior citizens, people with a disability or financially-disadvantaged members of our community who might be in need of a low-cost transport option to get to medical appointments, social outings or other transport hubs.

Clients or carers wishing to use the Moving Murrindindi service can contact Community Accessibility on 1300 704 530 or email transport@communityaccessability.org.au for further information on bookings, transport costs and concessions.

GET IN TOUCH

customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request
5772 0333

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Are you interested in applying for a grant through Council's Grants and Sponsorships Program?

Applications are currently open for all funding streams, however round one closes on 31 August for the following grants:

- Sponsorships
- Community Projects
- Local Events
- Events of Major Significance

Don't miss out! For more information, call our Grants team on 5772 0333 or visit our website murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants

BE READY FOR THE CONVERSATION

Australia is having a conversation about the referendum being held later this year.

Council has a responsibility to provide factual and practical information to our community about changes to law and legislation that impacts our democracy, to enable informed participation in the voting process.

The Voice referendum is about whether we should change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The Voice would be an independent and permanent advisory body.

We are committed to sharing clear, unambiguous information with the community, enabling residents to make a considered and informed choice in the upcoming referendum.

Voting in the referendum is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens aged 18 years and over. Be informed at voice.gov.au.

FLOOD RECOVERY POP-UP HUBS

Council is running a series of pop-up hubs for you to meet the flood recovery team. This is an opportunity to share your story and to find out what supports are available to you.

Events are currently planned for Buxton, Flowerdale, Glenburn, Kinglake and Yea.

Visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recoveryevents for the latest details on upcoming events

<p>HABBIES HOWE BEEF</p> <p>MATURE, WELL HUNG & AVAILABLE</p> <p>IGA SEYMOUR GARY'S MEATS, PRAHRAN MARKET L&L MEATS, BENTLEIGH</p> <p>SCOTCH AND FILLET ST HELENA, MENTONE & MERNDA</p>	<p>Donated by supporters of the endangered Hairy Hop bush</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>Darren Gilbert open studio!</p> <p>@ Yea Butter Factory</p> <p>Open every first weekend of the month Up to date Open Studio days & times on www.monkeytaildesign.com</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>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> 
<p>Donation from supporters of the Eastern Small-eyed Snake</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS GROVE</p> <p>Australian, family owned local producers of premium cold pressed extra virgin olive oil, made for your goodness and enjoyment.</p> <p>0417 018 070 enquiries@highlandsgrove.com.au highlandsgrove.com.au</p>	 <p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL</p> <p>Meeting Room and/or Hall available for hire</p> <p>MEETINGS FUNCTIONS WORKSHOPS PARTIES WEDDINGS</p> <p>Reasonable Rates Contact Paula Lade 0419 551 882</p>	<p>Donated by friends of the Long Leafed Box Trees</p> 
<p>Echidnas take care of their habitat</p> 	<p>Granite Hills Community Nursery</p>  <p>www.granitehillsnursery.com.au</p>	<p>Need a website? bluetopbiz.com.au</p> <p>Affordable web design & maintenance. Presentations, marketing copy. Grant applications, project management. Call</p> <p>Sue 0411 010 379 Neil 0417 503 472</p> <p>Email: sue@bluetopbiz.com.au</p>	 <p>Strathbogie Granite Project neil.phillips@bigpond.com</p>



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.