

# 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

With spring halfway through, the local events are certainly picking up and there are lots to choose from over the next few weeks, including -

### HCCC Community Engagement Free BBQ and Environmental Activity Day.

12.00 noon, Saturday 21st October 2023 at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve.

RSVP to Justus (0427 524 473) or Jenny (0408 969 236) by Monday 16th October.

Meet your HCCC committee and facilitators to learn what Landcare does and how we can help you.

Come and talk turtles (and more) enjoy delicious Middle Eastern food and make new friends.



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was looking forward to enjoying some table tennis .

## HCCC have a new addition to the War on Weeds.

A small versatile spray unit for small land holding and gardens. It has two spray options - a 2-metre boom or a spot spray gun. The unit can be hired for a small maintenance fee and donation to HCCC Landcare and is available in the Highlands area.

Please contact Neil van Buuren for further details and/or to book the unit.

Further details on the spray unit  
<https://youtu.be/1kGzz7NwgBk>

<https://www.rapidspray.net/product-category/sprayers/12v-spot-sprayers-trailers/spot-ranger>



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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

"Progress is always better than regression."

from The Guardian 12/10/23



## War on Waste - Recycling







How much do you know about recycling and the waste facts from the fiction?

The correct answers from last week's question were **A & C**

The textile industry is a major emitter on the global scale for a couple of reasons. Firstly, growing cotton and other natural fibres uses a huge amount of water and fertiliser.

But the biggest factor is that most of our clothes, over 60 per cent, are made from synthetic fibres (think polyester and nylon) which are made from fossil fuels. Adding to our troubles, each of us buys on average 56 new pieces of clothing each year.

**That's more than one item a week!**

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - October 2023
	<b>Monday 16th Oct. @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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. <b>Enquiries? Jan 57900 4361</b>
	<b>Thursday 19th Oct. @ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HCCC MONTHLY MEETING</b> Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary now. <b>@ Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473</b>
<b>Details see p.6</b>	<b>Saturday 21st Oct. @ noon</b>	<b>HCCC SPRING PICNIC - **SAVE the DATE**</b> Middle Eastern BBQ and activities for all ages <b>@ Ruffy Recreation Reserve</b> <b>Enquiries? Jenny 0408 969236</b>
 <b>Details see p.7</b>	<b>Saturday 21st Oct. 10-2</b>	<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO</b> <b>FREE EVENT</b> - Come along and test your skills, buy raffle tickets and win great prizes! <b>@ Yarck Recreation Reserve</b>
	<b>Monday 23rd Oct. @ 2pm</b>	<b>RUFFY VEGE PATCH CLUB</b> Sharing ideas, knowledge & produce. New members welcome. <b>@ 152 Maggies Lane, Ruffy</b> <b>Enquiries? 0458 904268</b>
	<b>Thursday 26th Oct. @ 5.30</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat. <b>@ Caveat Church</b>
	<b>Saturday 28th Oct. 10-4.30</b>	<b>EUROA ARB and FRIENDS WILDFLOWER DAY</b> A day filled with activities for young and old. <b>@ Euroa Arboretum</b> <b><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CMBDZ">https://www.trybooking.com/CMBDZ</a></b>
	<b>Sunday 29th Oct. @ 10am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. <b>@ Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>Enquiries? Andrew - 0437 249038 or Robyn - 0409 528235</b>
	<b>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? <b>@ Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>Forthcoming dates are 18th Oct. and 1st, 15th &amp; 29th Nov.</b>
	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 10-12 and 1-3</b>	<b>TABLELANDS KIDS' PLAY GROUP</b> All ages welcome - Nature play - Playground - Toys - Friends - 17th Oct, 7th & 21st Nov. <b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> 17th Oct. and 7th & 21st Nov. <b>@ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy</b> <b>Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788</b>
	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY</b> 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group
	<b>Every Tues. &amp; Fri. 8.45-9.45</b>	<b>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid</b> \$20 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket <b>at the Tablelands Community Centre</b> <b>Enquiries? Ingrid <a href="mailto:ingstar.7@gmail.com">ingstar.7@gmail.com</a></b>

## Expressions of Interest invited for NEW FUTURES Project

HCCC, Euroa Arboretum, SRCMN & Longwood Plains CMN are combining to put together a bid for a Victoria Landcare New Futures Project trial to be based in our area.

### We are looking for ten landholders or rural businesses interested in the following topics

- Assisting next generation and early adopter farmers to find pathways to new “green” markets.
- Protecting and enhancing spring soaks, perched bogs, farm dams and waterways with perennial native vegetation cover.
- Decreasing the impact of drought, flooding and soil erosion through ecological engineering solutions.
- Building farm soil water holding capacity by increasing fungi, bacteria and microbe activity.
- Designing wildlife refuge areas and “Glideways” corridors along waterways and away from roadsides.

If you are interested in any of these themes please contact **Janet Hagen** [hughescreek2@gmail.com](mailto:hughescreek2@gmail.com) **0458 904268** for a chat to discuss your ideas **before Friday 20th October.**



## Free Art Workshops

### Drawn in Nature



Ann Cremean is an abstract landscape artist who has run community workshops and art sessions in Strathbogie Ranges area over 2022/2023.

She exhibited her work at SAM New Horizons in 2022 and recently had an exhibition 'Open Space' in Strathbogie Shire's new Art Box.

Those who have attended an art experience in the bush with Ann Cremean find it is a meditational experience that opens your eyes and mind to what is around you.

Ann is offering the opportunity to come out into the bush and paint or draw or use whatever medium you prefer on the **3rd Saturday of October 21st and also November 18th.**

Unlike previous workshop-style sessions they are not formal with tutoring and are free.

Ann contends that everyone can produce art so come along if you haven't had the chance to draw or paint to connect with nature and the artist within.

To attend either session email Ann Cremean directly [acremean@gmail.com](mailto:acremean@gmail.com)

## Are you interested in adding to the iNaturalist's environmental knowledge base of the local HCCC area?

If **YES** then download the App now, follow the instructions for use in **TGN 30/7/23**, and start recording our unique natural wonders of both fauna and flora. It's an incredibly valuable resource.





## History ~ Environment ~ Community

### CREIGHTON'S CREEK DISCOVERY TOUR Sunday 29th Oct, 2023 Creighton's Creek Hall

#### Program

10:30 - Welcome & Introduction

Noon - Light lunch provided

12:30 - Bus tour of district

3:00 - Afternoon tea

Sharing of photos & stories encouraged

Creighton's Creek Picnic 1913

**Fundraising for Community Projects**

**Bookings essential** (seats limited)

**\$55 per head**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/CLTFB>**



Contact: Jim Shovelton  
0407 953 445

Brian Kelly  
0429 903 262

email:  
[landcare.cc@gmail.com](mailto:landcare.cc@gmail.com)

## Letter to the Editor

Hello Pauline,

Thank you for the great newsletter you publish for our local communities.

Merton is having a music festival on Oct 28--it's part of the High Country Halls Music Festival, held regularly in some of the Mansfield Shire's small outlying communities--like Merton.

We are wondering if you could publish details of our event in an upcoming Granite News to help us to spread the news to anyone interested in this event.

We appreciate your help with publicising these events in the past and usually see some of the audience come from Ruffy & surrounds.

The tickets are available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CKCLR> or locally from Marg Sayers 0409 955 809

Thanks,  
Margaret FitzGerald  
0418 126 730





# RUFFY TRIVIA NIGHT

## HALL FUNDRAISER



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## HCCC Community Engagement BBQ & Environmental Activity Day.

**12.00 noon Saturday 21st October 2023 at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve.**

Delicious Afghan BBQ and salads will be provided. (Vegetarian and GF options included.)  
Please bring a dessert to share.

Our special guest will be Graham Stockfield from 'Turtles Australia'.  
Graham's presentations are exceptional and he brings his wonderful turtles for everyone to enjoy 'a close encounter'!

There will also be additional activities on the day.

**RSVP to Justus, 0427 524 473 or  
Jenny, 0408 969 236 by 16th October.**

Everyone is welcome.



### Spring... it's time to hit Paterson's Curse!

It's Pato spraying time and HCCC are looking for Expressions of Interest from anyone who would like to join HCCC in spraying this very noxious weed.

This year we are planning a more targeted course of action.

- Instead of helicopter spraying we are planning to use drones as drones can fly very low and target plants in difficult to get at places.
- HCCC will pay 50% of chemicals costs up to 6 drone loads.
- HCCC will pay \$3,000 in total for the drone hire.

Please contact Neil van Buuren for details.



**Phone: 0417 503472**  
**[neil@hccclandcare.net.au](mailto:neil@hccclandcare.net.au)**

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### RUFFY VEGE PATCH CLUB

**Monday 23rd October 2pm**  
**@ Barb & Andrews Place**  
**152 Maggie's Lane Ruffy.**

Sharing ideas, knowledge and produce.  
New members welcome.

**Enquiries?**  
**Janet Hagen 0458 904268**



**Now's the time to  
plan ahead!**

**Saturday 11th  
November**

**Ruffy Hall  
Fundraiser  
Trivia Night**



## Know Your Weeds

### Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida* & *Moraea miniata*)

#### Regionally Prohibited Weed

Cape Tulip is **TOXIC** to stock and comes in two varieties - one leaf and two leaf.

Although very similar in all respects the two leaf variety does not produce viable seed but instead develops a cluster of many small cormils (a small corm or bud at the leaf axis or the base of the plant). Its flowers are also smaller & the plant produces 2-3 leaves rather than one.

The Cape Tulip reproduces from seed or corms and has a stiff stem that is 30-60cm tall. The eaves are flat and ribbed, only 1-2cm wide but up to 1m long.

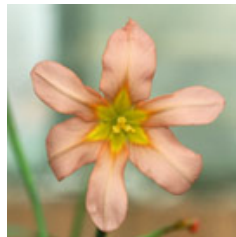
Its flowers are usually orange or pink, with a yellow throat, 6 petals, 3-5 cm in diameter and appear in clusters at the end of the branches in September - October.

The fruit is green, turning brown when mature.

A perennial weed it needs to be controlled by spot spraying with a suitable herbicide and the best time to do this is May to November.

As it can be spread in a multitude of ways - movement of soil, eaten by stock, by slashing or mowing, in farm produce and carried on machinery or vehicles - it needs to be dealt with promptly when first noticed.

For further information re eradication email - [info@hccclandcare.net.au](mailto:info@hccclandcare.net.au)



**MOST Important - new contact number for the GREAT Ruffy Trivia Night**  
**5790 4329**

## Hollywood comes to the Yarck Emergency Service Expo October 21st

This is how they do it in Hollywood and this is also how we will do it in Yarck.

The incredible Car Fire Module is used to train CFA Firefighters in extinguishing motor vehicle fires.



It will be used in the multi agency scenario at the Emergency Service Expo.

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**See previous weeks' TGNs for more details.**

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**Save the Date - Friday 3rd November 6-8pm**  
**HIGHLANDS BOOKCLUB**

**@ Highlands Community Hall**

All welcome, BYO plate to share & preferred beverage. Gold coin donation.  
Two books for discussion - The Island of Missing Trees & Confederacy of Dunces.

**Enquiries? Robyn - 0409 528235**

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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.