

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

FREE!

Now that I have your attention...
the HCCC needs your considered thoughts on the
future direction of Landcare in the
Hughes Creek Catchment area.

Last week I emailed The Granite News to 707 readers!
YES that's correct this weekly newsletter currently lands in 707
email boxes each week which means that a lot of people are
interested in caring for their land and being a part of their local
communities, which is most pleasing.

Every few years the HCCC asks **YOU**, as TGN readers, to
contribute your ideas and thoughts to assist with the future plans
of HCCC Landcare. The previous survey offered up some
excellent ideas that have been acted upon in the last few years.

NOW we need **YOUR** thoughts and ideas to enhance the
direction HCCC needs to take in the future. Participating in this
survey (see p.3) is essential to this process, so if you haven't
already pinged the QR code and completed this simple 5 minute
survey - please do it now!

What about the **FREE** I hear you cry?



Well everyone who completes this survey will go into the draw to
**WIN a \$100 voucher which means FREE plants from the
Euroa Arboretum** and who doesn't want something for **FREE**?
So click on the QR Code and enter now.....

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline
And Kenny? Was highlighting the Highlands Community Gathering.

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

"Inside every older person is a
younger person wondering what
the hell happened."

Anon



Did you know?

The growth rings of trees depict both
summer and winter growth. The
lighter and thicker rings are indicative
of summer whilst the darker and
thinner rings are those of winter.



	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - November & December 2023	
	Saturday 25th Nov. @ noon	HCCC AGM - EVERYONE is INVITED!	@ Seven Creeks Hotel, Euroa
	Monday 27th Nov. @ 2pm	RUFFY VEGE PATCH CLUB Sharing ideas, knowledge & produce. New members welcome.	@ 375 Gum Rd, Caveat Enquiries? 0458 904268
	Thursday 30th Nov. @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat.	@ Caveat Church
	Sat.2nd & Sun. 3rd Dec 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO Open first weekend each month - discover some stunning art work.	@ 5 Giffard St, Yea
Details? see p.4	Saturday 2nd Dec. 10-12	GLIDERS IN SEYMOUR - Results of the Landcare Project Everyone is invited to come along and hear all about these gorgeous little creatures.	Chittick Park, Seymour
Details? see p.6	Saturday 2nd Dec. @ 6pm	ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY	@ TCC, Ruffy
Details? see p.7	Friday 8th Dec. @ 6.30	HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY END of YEAR BBQ	@ Highlands Community Hall
	Tues. 12th Dec. @ 12.30	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB - Christmas Party Partners or friends are welcome. Would attendees PLEASE ring Andrea 0417 369 225 as soon as possible so we know how many to book for. Meals to be paid for individually..	@ Country Club Hotel, Yea
	Friday 29th Dec. 6-8pm	HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB All welcome, BYO plate to share & preferred beverage. Gold coin donation. Sam Neill's book of memoirs - Did I ever tell your this? is up for discussion.	@ Highlands Community Hall Robyn 0409 528235
	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?	@ Highlands Community Hall Forthcoming dates are 29th November and 6th & 20th December.
	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10-12 and 1-3	TABLELANDS KIDS' PLAY GROUP All ages welcome - Nature play - Playground - Toys - Friends - DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING 21st Nov. & 6th Dec.	@ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	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 \$20 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket	at the Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com



HCCC LANDCARE STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY 2024

Tell us what you think.

Your input is vital.

**Complete our online 5 minute
survey and go into the draw for a
\$100 voucher from Euroa
Arboretum**

survey and entries close 1st December 2023.

Go to the link below or use your phone camera
to access via the QR code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCCsurvey2024>



JOIN US FOR A TALK ON GLIDERS IN SEYMOUR

TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE RESULTS FROM
OUR LANDCARE PROJECT



When? Saturday, 2nd December, 10 am - 12 pm
Chittick Park Community room

Presentation followed by lunch and drinks

**Please RSVP by 27/11 via email
SeymourUrbanLandcare@gmail.com**

**Sponsored by Landcare Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative
Funded by the Victorian State Government through the Environmental
Volunteering New Growth Project.**

**Project partners: Mitchell Shire, BEAM Mitchell Environment Group and Central
Victorian Biolinks Alliance**



Terrific Trivia Night in Ruffy

The latest fundraiser for the Ruffy Hall Restoration Fund was a great success.

10 tables of eager participants enjoyed a fun evening of quizzes, challenges and puzzles to exercise their mental, aeronautical and engineering skills.

Quiz masters, Justus Hagen and Darryl Otzen did an excellent job of keeping the night on track and providing thought provoking, interesting questions.

The winners were The Terrific Terripians on 73 points, second The Seedlings on 71 points and third The Famous Five on 64 points. Congratulations to the team from Terrip Terrip on winning for the second year in a row, well done.

Using straws and sticky tape to construct a tower strong enough to hold a mandarin, The Creighton's Creek Warriors won the engineering prize by constructing a tower 1200mm high.

Once again, the famous Ruffy Supper lived up to its reputation with the Ruffy cooks providing an abundant spread of mouth-watering homemade treats. It was magnificent and much appreciated by the participants.

After supper Hall Committee President Henry Noye drew the fundraising raffle.

**The winners were - Fuel Voucher - R. O'Connor,
Watercolour Painting - G. Ginnivan,
Homemade Christmas Cake - Lyndal Dean,
Dindi Naturals Hamper - Leanne Waters, and
Hosta Plant - Marilyn Page.**

The Ruffy Hall Committee is very grateful to our generous sponsors and supporters for providing the raffle and Trivia night prizes: Artist Adele Dingle, John McLean, Dindi Naturals at Yarck, the Odd Jug at Ruffy, Koala Country Cherries and Euroa BP.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and support for the Ruffy Hall.

Many thanks also to everyone who bought raffle tickets, our amazing local cooks, our quiz masters and the Ruffy Hall Committee and their families, it was a great team effort.

Sharron Batt

Hall Committee members
Andy Williams and
Melissa Eddy
pictured with some of the
entries in the Mandarin
Tower Engineering
Challenge





JOIN US
FOR THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 2nd AT 6:00 PM

Tablelands Community Centre
27 Nolans Road Ruffy

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

A WASTE WISE EVENT SPONSORED BY

Strathbogie
SHIRE COUNCIL





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

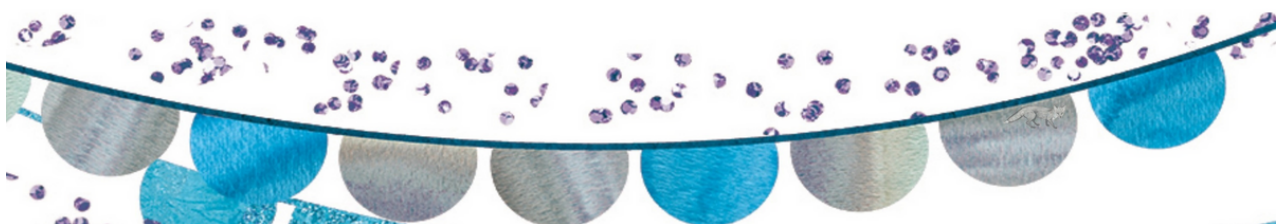
Friday 8th of December at 6.30pm
The Highlands/Caveat Community Group
Highlands Hall



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

No pets please



Do the grass verges to your property look like this.....?



Or like this....?



According to the CFA

- Grassfires can travel up to 25 km per hour and pulse even faster over short distances.
- Grass is a fine fuel and burns faster than bush or forests.
- Grassfires tend to be less intense and produce fewer embers than bushfires, **BUT** still generate enormous amounts of radiant heat.

With the rapid spring growth over the last couple of months, grassfires are looking like the most likely type of fire this fire season - maybe it's time to get the slasher or mower out?

Monday 27th November - for all 3 Shires covered by the HCCC area - Mitchell, Murrindindi and Strathbogie is the start of this year's fire season.



Know Your Weeds

Lagarosiphon (Lagarosiphon major)

State Prohibited Weed

Lagarosiphon, also known as Oxygen Weed, is a branched water weed that forms tangled mats under the water surface.

Its tiny, inconspicuous purple flowers appear between spring and summer, growing as a thread from the leaf axis.



The leaves are stiff, tapered and grow in tightly grouped spirals at the top of the plant, with looser leaves towards the base.

Its stems can be up to 5m long and it is an aggressive weed of reservoirs up to 7m deep.

It is a perennial weed and can be easily spread by both water movement and water craft.

As a State Prohibited Weed year round control is under the auspices of DEECA. Contact them at

www.deeca.vic.gov.au

WANTED

The Highlands Hall Committee is seeking photos of the Highlands Hall and its surrounds to incorporate into a visual presentation at the End of Year festivities on Friday 8th December.

Community events, working bees, birthday celebrations, annual activities...whatever you might have in the bottom drawer or on a USB.

Send to Robyn - lindgardglass@ozemail.com.au before Nov. 23rd

FOR SALE

Vintage school desk from

Clifton Hill Primary School.

\$80

Karli

0425 794 838



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.



Summer Holidays @ the Beach

If you've been meaning to plan a few days stay at the beach this summer but haven't quite got around to organising it, then the delightful

Sunnyside Cottage at Apollo Bay

might be just fit the bill.

Due to extenuating circumstances a vacancy exists from **January 13th - 29th**

Reasonable tariff, with a minimum stay of 5 days or longer.

For further information/bookings - **0427 529551** or view

www.sunnyside-apollobay.com.au





You are invited to the Goulburn Broken CMA Volunteer Celebration

**Thursday
Nov 30th;
5.00–
8.30pm**

CONNECT, CELEBRATE AND BE INSPIRED

**Join us for this FREE event at
Euroa Arboretum**

- ★ Great food and conversation in the beautiful surrounds of the Euroa Arboretum
- ★ Meet the people behind the projects
- ★ Community NRM volunteers welcome
- ★ Guest speaker, Alana Johnson OAM, sharing her insights on the importance of communities taking action.
- ★ Children's activities available during the 40 min speaker.



 **BOOK HERE**

For more information

kerstiel@gbcma.vic.gov.au



Victorian
Landcare
Program



Euroa Arboretum
Growing Back the Bush

HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE AGM

will be at the **Seven Creeks Hotel,**
Euroa at 12 noon on Saturday 25th November

The HCCC will pay for your lunch (there will be a choice of menus), but drinks will be at your expense.

Kerstie Lee, our Regional Landcare Coordinator will be present and no doubt will be able to fill us in on Landcare matters state and nationwide.

We need to know numbers attending, so if you are able to attend please let Sue Van Buuren know before **Monday 20th November** (today/tomorrow) **evening**.

Hope to see you there,

Regards,

Justus - HCCC President

HIGHLANDS BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Highlands Book Group will be at the Highlands Hall on **Friday 29th December** (in that weird week between Christmas and New Year when we've finished celebrating the festive season and are waiting for the next year to arrive).

So why not come along and enjoy some great company and lively discussion about actor and vigneron, Sam Neill's new book - **'Did I ever tell you this?'**

<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 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>@ 5 Giffard Street Yea</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>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> 
<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.