

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

While I would hazard a guess that almost every TGN reader has either heard or read 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit' I think most readers would be unfamiliar with Beatrix Potter's real legacy. This is not so much her literary output of small books for children with their delicately detailed water colour illustrations of small animals - domestic, farm or field, although the royalties from these little gems enabled her to set up her eventual legacy.

Beatrix was born into a well-off family in 1866, and the Tale of Peter Rabbit was originally written as a letter to a young friend recovering from an illness early last century. Published by Frederick Warne & Co in 1902 it became an immediate best seller and Beatrix was canny enough to patent any merchandise associated with all her books, which gave her financial independence.

Having holidayed in the Lake District of England as a teenager she subsequently bought a small holding 'Hill Top Farm' in Near Sawrey. This was the start of her legacy.



By the time of her death in 1943 she had not only become a breeder of prize winning Herdwick sheep, but a respected sheep judge as well. She was also a practical and dedicated environmentalist and, with her husband William Heelis, had managed to acquire 4,000 acres of farms throughout the Lake District, restoring and preserving these farms and ensuring that the tradition of fell farming continued in a responsible way.



On her death she left all this land to the National Trust with the proviso that it not be developed, thus Beatrix's incredible legacy became the basis of the magnificent Lake District National Park.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was cuddling up with Mush hoping he gets a home

Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
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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

"Sunsets are proof that no matter what happens, every day can end beautifully."

Anon



"Cheese is important. Dinosaurs didn't have cheese and look what happened to them."

- Rumi

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
July	75 mm	85.5 mm
2024 Total	464.5 mm	420 mm
Rainy Days	17 days	14 days

What's On - August 2024

Variable Dates & Events Set Dates & Times

	Fri. 9th Aug. @ 6.30pm	DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Hall Bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Enquiries? Paula - 0419 551882
Details? See p.4	Sat. 10th Aug. 6.30-8.30pm	SATURDAY NIGHT CARDS - Every Saturday in August @ Terip Rec Reserve Tutorial for beginners @ 6,30, tournament starts @ 7. Spectators welcome - \$2 entry fee.
Details? See p.5	Sun. 11th Aug. @ 12 for 1pm	UNVEILING of NEW FIREPIT @ Ruffy Rec Reserve
Details? See p.7	Sun. 11th Aug. @ 2pm	RUFFARTZ presents Yea Yappers - Wooing, Warring & Wanton Words @ Ruffy Hall Tickets \$20.00 (\$15.00 con). https://YeaArtsInc.org/tickets Enquiries: 0488 670 077
	Mon. 12th Aug. @ 11.30	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Highlands Spinning Club will get together - same place, same time with the same good company. BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan - 5790 4361
	Tues. 26th Aug. @ 1.30	RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB Venue TBC New members are always welcome Enquiries: Janet 0458 904268
	Thurs. 28th Aug. @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	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 7th & 21st August.
	Every Monday @ 7pm	Not happening in winter - too cold! TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Every Tuesday - 6pm	MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA @ Highlands Community Hall BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash Enquiries? 0436 428065
	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1-3	DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 6th & 20th August 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
	Mon 8.45-9.45am Wed. 6.15-7.15pm	CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid at the Tablelands Community Centre \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor

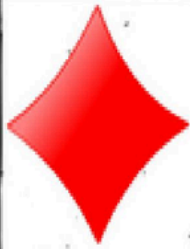
Hi Pauline,

We had a very informative, productive and enjoyable afternoon at our recent Ruffy Veggie Growers' gathering where we learned about raised garden beds and the 'Lasagne' method of filling them.

Next Ruffy Veggie Growers gathering scheduled for the **26th of August at 1:30pm**. Venue to be confirmed. All welcome.

Regards,
Cheryl





The Terip Rec Reserve will be host to a
Winter Showdown this August when it presents

SATURDAY NIGHT CARDS

2024 Series

August
3rd, 10th,
17th and 24th

THE TERIP
RECREATION
RESERVE

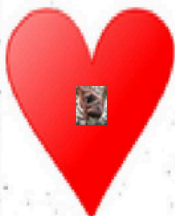
630PM-7PM
TUTORIAL FOR
BEGINNERS
WEEKLY
7PM-830PM
TOURNAMENT



\$2 entry

Beginners & Spectators are warmly welcome.

**Overall winner of the evening will receive
bragging rights & a prize.**



Feel free to bring a plate of
supper to share.



An initiative to keep our great community socially active & strengthen relationships

Ruffy Recreation Reserve

Join us for the unveiling of a plaque
and the lighting of the new fire pit
dedicated to Gary Hewlett

Sunday 11th August
12 noon - light luncheon
1pm - Unveiling & lighting



RSVP 7th Aug
Pam. 5790 4240

Mush still needs a home - is it yours?

Mush is Silver Point Tabby, domestic short hair (not purebred). He has Ragdoll in his heritage, mixed with Russian Blue. He is incredibly affectionate and intelligent. He loves cuddles.

Mush is an adorable indoor de-sexed male cat, four years old, who lives at the moment on the farm and doesn't mind spending some hours outside, but he is not going far from his home and feels the most comfortable inside. He is very pedantic with his toileting.

With a heavy heart we have to let him go, due to changed family circumstances. We would like to find someone who will really love him and take good care of him, someone who will be his real friend.

With Mush we will give away all his belongings.



Please contact Zoltan if you can give Mush his forever home. 0439 828113

AGISTMENT AVAILABLE

50 acres @ Caveat

would suit sheep or alpacas

0428 137361



Are you interested in adding to the

i Natutaliste'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.



Terip Tennis Club AGM

Sunday September 8th

7.30pm at the
Terip Recreation Reserve

All welcome

For more details please
contact **Cindy 0429 772 011**



WANTED - CLEANER

Casual mid-week work available
cleaning a small 2 bedroom studio at
Highlands.

Interested?

Contact Susan - 0409 827491

Now here's an idea.....



In an effort to encourage all things great and small to make themselves at home this recycle and rubbish receptacle has a roof garden of succulents!

Now that's a bit of creative thinking.



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I can come to you, or visit me at my Ruffy studio!

Avenel Active's new community website!



Avenel Active recently launched its Avenel community website to share information about Avenel and its community organisations, clubs, local businesses and attractions.

Visit us at <https://www.avenelactive.au>

Of course The Granite News features on our community news page!

Avenel Active would love to hear from more Avenel and local organisations, clubs and businesses who would like to be on the website.

Let us know at www.avenelactive.au/contact-us

RuffArtz

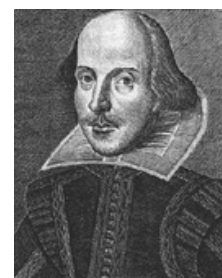
The RuffArtz Committee are proud to present Wooing, Warring & Wanton Words, a production by Yea Arts Inc.

Come and join us for an afternoon of Shakespearean frivolity at the

Ruffy Hall, Sunday 11th August @ 2 pm.

Afternoon tea will be available after the Yappers' performance.

**Tickets \$20.00, (\$15.00 concession). Bookings: <https://YeaArtsInc.org/tickets>
Enquiries: 0488 670 077.**



Highlands Book Club will be meeting again on Saturday 31st August, 6pm at the Highlands Hall.

New attendees are most welcome but if you can't make it here's a list of some great recommendations that will make these winter nights so much more enjoyable!

TITLE & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION
The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by V. E. Schwab	"Her story is the most joyous evocation of unlikely immortality." Sunday Times best sellers. The story follows a young French woman in 1714 who makes a bargain with the Dark that makes her immortal but curses her to be forgotten by everyone she meets.
Watermelon by Marian Keyes	Claire has everything she ever wanted: a husband she adores, a great apartment, a good job. Then, on the day she gives birth to their first baby, James informs her that he's leaving her. Claire is left with a newborn daughter, a broken heart, and a postpartum body that she can hardly bear to look at. She decides to go home to Dublin. And there, sheltered by the love of a quirky family, she gets better.
The Tolstoy Estate by Steven Conte	The Tolstoy Estate is ambitious, accomplished and astonishingly good: an engrossing, intense and compelling exploration of the horror and brutality of conflict, and the moral, emotional, physical and intellectual limits that people reach in war time. It is also a poignant, bittersweet love story - and, most movingly, a novel that explores the notion that literature can still be a potent force for good in our world.
James Cook by Peter Fitzsimons (DVD)	The story behind the man who mapped the world ... a name almost mythic who is often discussed, celebrated, reviled and debated
The Women by Kristin Hannah	A long overdue tribute to the brave women ... nurses who served in Vietnam. Women can be heroes too.
Endurance by Alfred Lansing	One of the great adventure stories of our time - Shackleton's incredible voyage.
Many titles by Karin Slaughter	Murder mystery stories.
Three Dog Night by Peter Goldsworthy	When we meet Martin, the narrator of Three Dog Night, he is driving through the Adelaide Hills with his new English wife Lucy, in an uxorious daze. He has about him the faint whiff of imbecility that accompanies a state of uncomplicated happiness. He is showing off, identifying the local fauna, lecturing Lucy about the Germans who settled in the area and them environmental damage caused by introduced species - until she undercuts hi breeziness with a simple question about the fate of the original inhabitants.
Feather on the Water by Lindsay Jayne Ashford	Just weeks after World War II ends, three women from different corners of the world arrive in Germany to run a displaced persons camp. They long to help rebuild shattered lives -- including their own.
The Men Who Killed the News by Eric Beecher	Crikey owner and ex-News Corp and Fairfax editor lifts the lid on the abuse power by media moguls – from William Randolph Hearst to Elon Musk – and on his own unique experience of working for (and being sued by) the Murdochs.





PET REGISTRATION REMINDER

Are your pet registration details up to date? All cats and dogs over the age of three months are required to be microchipped and registered with Council. This helps keep your pet safe and helps us reunite lost pets with their owners.

Our Community Safety team will soon follow up with owners who have not completed their pet registration this year. We'll be commencing door knocks to check-in and make sure your details are up to date.

For residents who may have moved or who no longer have a pet that was previously registered, you can update your details by completing our online 'Change of Details' form at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/animaldetails

For more information on pet registration, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/pets

UPDATE YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS

The Murrindindi Shire Council election is being held on 26 October this year. Make sure your enrolment details are up to date by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 7 August so you can vote – don't risk a fine!

Visit vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment or contact us to enrol in one of the special council enrolment categories.

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COMMUNITY BUS HIRE

If your community group would like to organise transport to your next event, why not enquire about Council's Community Bus?

Council has two buses available for hire, located in Alexandra and Yea, to help local groups and not-for-profit organisations participate in activities and programs.

The buses come equipped with a wheelchair hoist, auto transmission and can transport up to 10 passengers, including the driver.

For more information and to make an online booking, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/bus-hire or give us a call on 5772 0333.



SLEEP AND SETTling SESSIONS

Join our FREE Sleep and Settling Information Sessions, facilitated by our dedicated Maternal and Child Health (MCH) experts. Topics include frequent overnight waking, bottle dependency, bedtime or nap refusal, cot to bed transition and catnapping.

Dates and locations:

20 August: Alexandra MCH Centre

17 September: Kinglake Library

15 October: Yea MCH Centre

Reserve your spot at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch

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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.