

# 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

For all those Granite News readers, who live in the HCCC postal area, have you received this wee pamphlet in the mail? Hope so.



It offers a succinct summary of the issues of blackberry spread and the need to control and hopefully eradicate this feral invasion.

Please take the 'call to arms' of community action (people power) to deal with this menace seriously, be it by dealing with the problem on your own property in an effective manner, or by letting the various authorities - local council, DEECA and the Dept of Agriculture - know about non-action or willful neglect on other properties within the HCCC area. And of course the HCCC [neil@hccclandcare.net.au](mailto:neil@hccclandcare.net.au)

This is definitely an issue that requires us to be "all in this together".

**Mitchell Shire - 5734 6200**

**Murrindindi Shire - 5772 0333**

**Strathbogie Shire - 1800 065 993**

Oliver Goodwin (Dept of Ag.) can be contacted via **0427 9633274** or [oliver.goodwin@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:oliver.goodwin@agriculture.vic.gov.au) Thanks for your interest.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline  
And Kenny? Was looking getting to know one of Rachel's cows.

Feedback? [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au)  
or to subscribe on-line go to  
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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

"Why shouldn't art be pretty, there are enough unpleasant things in the world."

**Pierre-Auguste Renoir  
(1841 - 1919)  
French Impressionist painter**

When you have to make dinner



but wish you were knitting.

## Did you know?

The gold standard of waste in the bush is now a poo pot!  
Click on this link to find out more.

<http://tinyurl.com/4svj6d7u>



Thanks to Carole J for this contribution.

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - February & March 2024
	<b>Mon. 12th Feb. @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2024 at the same place and the same time and with the same good company. BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. <b>Enquiries? Jan - 5790 4361</b>
	<b>Thurs. 15th Feb. @ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HCCC MONTHLY MEETING</b> @ TCC, Ruffy Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary now. <b>Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473</b>
	<b>Mon. 26th Feb. 2-4pm</b>	<b>RUFFY VEGGIE GROWERS CLUB</b> @ 91 Boathole Rd, Ruffy New members are always welcome. Topic - Wicking beds <b>Enquiries Janet 0458 904268</b>
	<b>Thurs. 29th Feb. @ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MENS' BUSINESS</b> @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat.
	<b>Fri. 1st March from 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH</b> @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</b>
	<b>Sat 2nd &amp; Sun 3rd Mar. 10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> @ 5 Gifford St, Yea Open the first weekend each month - discover some stunning artwork.
	<b>Fri. 8th March @ 6.30pm</b>	<b>DRINKS on the DECK</b> @ 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. <b>Contact Paula 0419 551882</b>
	<b>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? <b>Forthcoming dates are 21st February and 6th &amp; 20th March.</b>
	<b>Mon. 5th Feb @ 7pm</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS</b> @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</b>
	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 1-3</b>	<b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 20th Feb. and 5th & 19th March <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>NEW times!</b>	<b>Mon 8.45-9.45am Wed. 6.45-7.45pm</b>	<b>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket <b>Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com</b>

## Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative. Facilitator's Report: AGM 25/11/2023.

### Coordinator's report for HCCC Landcare AGM, November 2023 Vanessa Malandrin



In 2023 I decided to focus a bit more on a few selected topics, after the first year in which I attended lots of diverse field days and courses. So, I started by focusing on Soil in particular, writing regular articles for TGN as part of our soil carbon project.

At the beginning of May we delivered a training day on enhanced farm dams with the ANU Sustainable farms team, which was very well attended and received lots of positive feedback. This was followed up by a full day of training in Benalla, organised by GBCMA and delivered by ANU staff.

At the same time, between the last week of April and the first week of May I submitted three grant applications, one of which was with Neil van Buuren, Healthy Soils in HCC, and all of them have been successful.

The Biolink Corridors for Gliders has been funded by the Victorian Government through the Environmental Volunteering New Growth Project and it will be concluded in the first week of December, with great results:

- 2 tree plantings,
- 2 presentations in schools and one for the general public,
- 3 spotlight walks and 30 submissions to the VBA (including 4 squirrel gliders),
- nest box monitoring along Telegraph and Lambing Gully Rd, and
- 12 new nest boxes built by VCAL students to be installed along the Whiteheads Creek in December.

It was great to have BEAM, Biolinks Alliance and Mitchell Shire as project partners. This project has allowed us to create more interest around the environment in Seymour, but there is still a lot of work needing to be done.

The other grant I obtained is from the Vict Govt through the "Our Catchments Our Communities" project, aimed at professional development and leadership in catchment stewardship. The \$10K grant allowed me to do the Holistic Mangement course, the Natural sequence farming training and the online course "Reboot your Soil" with David Hardwick. And I still have about \$2 left to use before June 2024.

In June we wrapped up the Soil Carbon project, with spare funding left to follow up the trial plots and to do more soil tests in the future, and we now have a new project that focuses on Soil Health for 2024, for which I've started to do some planning. As part of this I've been also chasing up new colonies of dung beetles best suited for our area.

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## Preliminary Notice – Avenel Active Guided Granite Trek – Lorenz Hill and Callen Range

**The next guided trek onto the Callen Range will be on Saturday 16th March commencing at 9.30am.**

The planned walk is approximately 8km with about a 200m climb in altitude. There are some sections that may be a little more difficult than we have experienced on previous walks but overall, the walk is consistent with Category 3 of the Australian Walking Track Grading System (short steep hills, formed track, some obstacles, some bushwalking experience recommended, many steps).

The walk is designed to showcase some very special features of Strathbogie granite that residents of Avenel and surrounds should find interesting about the neighbourhood where they live. This walk is also special in that we will have not just one, but 2 internationally recognised geologists joining us.

As well as our usual guide, Neil Phillips, we are fortunate to also have his colleague Alex Kisters from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa who is keen to see the marvellous Strathbogie granite.

Could you please register your interest in taking the walk (plus others who will join you) by email to: Kevin Whithear [kgwhithear@gmail.com](mailto:kgwhithear@gmail.com). Numbers are limited and spots will be reserved on a first in basis.

I will provide further details shortly about the walk including where to park etc to those who register interest.

**Looking forward to seeing you on 16th March 2024.**

Kevin Whithear  
[kgwhithear@gmail.com](mailto:kgwhithear@gmail.com)



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Pauline,

Many thanks for the latest TGN - always packed with interesting and useful information. I particularly enjoyed reading the local rainfall stats - seeing the aquifers recharge and release water down the hill on our place in January was amazing - even managed to bog a tractor in the olive grove - in the middle of summer!!!

We recorded 154mm for January in the rain gauge compared to average (since 1997) of 47.0mm  $\pm$  45.9mm. Still not our wettest January - the record is 183mm in 2016. By contrast, 2013 was 0mm.

I was wondering whether you might publish in the next TGN the attached Preliminary Notice of an Avenel Active Granite Trek on the Callen Range that Neil Phillips and John Thomson are organising for us, in case any of your readers may be interested. (see p.3)

Best regards,

**Kevin Whithear**  
**Mt Bernard Olives - Avenel**



### Highlands Ramblers

will be restarting in March, after all the HOT summer weather (which is yet to arrive) finishes

So the next Date for your Diary is

**Sunday 31st March @ 10am**

from outside the Highlands Hall

### Whilst not even on the p.2 calendar yet...

The next **THURSDAY night Bookclub at Highlands Hall** is scheduled for **28th March from 6-8pm**

We are reading 'Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman & 'Food, Sex and Money' by Liz Byski.

Other books read and suggestions are also shared. BYO plate to share, refreshments & gold coin donation.

🌸ALL WELCOME🌸

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

Re. Wind turbine grass fire South Australia

I was concerned by a news item from the ABC last week regarding a wind turbine ignited grass fire last Wednesday in South Australia.

### ABC News Item 7 February 2024

"In short: Fire has destroyed a wind turbine between Redhill and Mundoorra in South Australia and sparked a grass fire underneath it.

Fire fighters were alerted to the blaze at Clements Gap Wind Farm, owned by Pacific Blue, before 9am this morning, and nobody was injured. What's next? The turbine will be dismantled by contractors and the cause of the fire investigated."

We live just south of 5 proposed turbines directly in line with our home if a fire ignited on a high risk fire day. There are also six other lifestyle properties to the immediate south and east of the 5 turbine site. All are in line with a possible ignition point

In addition there is some debate as to how close firefighting helicopters can go to wind turbines. The wind farm developer has assured the community that turbines can be switched off immediately there is a fire. However, this is only as good as the time lag in reporting a fire outbreak.

In reviewing the State Government's wind turbine planning permit requirements, there seems to be no regard to fire risk although the CFA would undoubtedly be a referral authority.

**John Curtis**  
**Highlands**





## Drinks on the Deck (or in the Highlands Hall) gets back to pre-Covid levels of attendance.

Way to go neighbours!



**FREE !!**

Peugeot 1975 10 speed



Peugeot 1975 Unisex 10 speed



And also 12'x 18' yellow canvas tent.

**All free to good homes.**

**Ring John 0402 071 636**

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## February = Ovarian Cancer Month

Here are some common misconceptions about Ovarian Cancer



1. A pap smear diagnoses ovarian cancer - **FALSE**
2. Ovarian cancer is the most lethal gynaecological cancer - **TRUE**
3. The Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine (HPV) protects against ovarian cancer - **FALSE**
4. There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer - **TRUE**

The signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer are often vague or non-specific in the early stages, such as unexplained weight changes and appetite loss. This is one of the key reasons as to why ovarian cancer is so lethal and is mostly diagnosed in the advanced stages (3 and 4).

The most common symptoms and silent signs of ovarian cancer are:

- ☐ Unexplained weight loss
- ☐ Vague abdominal pain or pressure
- ☐ Feeling of abdominal fullness, gas, nausea, indigestion - different to your normal sensations
- ☐ Sudden abdominal swelling, weight gain or bloating
- ☐ Persistent changes in bowel or bladder patterns
- ☐ Low backache or cramps

**If in doubt, check it out!**

**NEVER**

**ignore any symptoms that don't feel right.**

## You don't know what you've got till it's gone

I grew up in Melbourne and had the joy of running through and trying to clamber out of (my legs were too short) the Koonung Creek on high school cross country runs. Parts of this creek have long since disappeared into a drain under the Eastern Freeway, but it is one of the many tributaries that form part of the Yarra River's (Birrarung) watershed.



I am therefore currently enjoying reading a great book called **Yarra - A Diverting history of Melbourne's murky river** by Kristin Otto and when I came across this passage, thought it deserved a wider audience. It highlights the dual importance of both water and trees for our human existence, and of course the wildlife and plants that we co-exist with. Enjoy.

"Melbourne is crowned with more than 140,000 hectares of forest set aside for its water catchment, and that's where 90% of its supply comes from, some of the most beautiful water in the world. Most of the catchment areas are closed, and the remaining third is designated State Forest - the inaccessibility is the most important factor in safe drinking water. There are less than half a dozen cities on earth with a comparable system. Most of the others have catchments that aren't protected and therefore require a large amount of chemical treatment \*(consequences include the continued trend to the Coca-Colonisation of water as a bottle product, that particular company's fastest growing line).

Only 10% of Melbourne's water needs to be fully treated, it's generally so clean it doesn't need extra filtering.

Some of the catchment areas have been locked up for over a century and around half are mountain ash forest; they provide about 80% of the water. It's the areas with the tallest, oldest trees that yield the most water, and not just because they're better at 'cloud catching' or harvesting mist drip. Younger trees need more water to grow, and the ground beneath them absorbs more. Bushfire or logging can cut the volume of water by half. It can take up to 150 years to get back to optimum forest.

The mountain ash is the earth's tallest flowering plant, and its tallest hardwood tree. Baron von Mueller, one time director of Melbourne's Botanic Gardens, later Government Botanist, was one of those in the 1860s and 70s who searched for the record mountain ash. Giants taller than any other tree in the world were claimed, many on the Yarra's watershed: in the Dandenongs, on the Black's Spur (supposedly 480 feet or 146m high: taller than the tallest redwood or sequoia) at Fernshawe and, it was rumoured, near the head of the river - probably the same one Robert Hoddle saw on his expedition to find the Yarra's source.

In 1872, Anthony Trollope, English novelist, was hugely impressed to hear about a fallen tree on the Watts River measuring 435 feet or 132.5m (listed as the tallest tree ever in the Guinness Book of World Records). The Inspector of State Forests reported that the area averaged 100 - 150 trees per acre, from 250 feet (76.2m) to 300 feet (91.5m) in height, all straight as an arrow and he fully believed the tree in question had originally reached up to 500 feet or 152.5m....

The searchers for the tallest tree then found one on a spur of Mt Baw Baw that was 326 feet or 99.3m.... At Mt Monda was a giant 307 feet or 93.5m. On the Black's Spur one measured 295 feet (90m) high and 53 feet (16m) around the trunk. Giants were defined thus: a minimum of 40 feet (approx. 12m) at 5 feet or 1.5m from the ground and 250 feet or 77m in height.

These trees were taller than any structure in Australia at the time, maybe four or five times the height of Melbourne's city buildings. Unfortunately, the biggest were the ones the timber splitters went for first. Sadly, the true giants were probably gone by the mid-nineteenth century, used for roof shingles."

**NB: To put these giants into 21st century perspective -**

- the standard height of transmission towers is 40-60m
- the light towers at the MCG are 85m tall
- the Cherry Tree Range wind turbines are 91m high
- the high point of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is 134m
- FERA's proposed wind turbines are 150m tall with 80m blades (thus approx. 190m) and
- the Eureka Tower is 297m to 301m at its tip!



Ed.



# ADVANCE NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE

**Date - 2nd May 2024 at the Seymour Racecourse**

**The Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative is organising a workshop on Soil Health and Sustainable Farming.**

**We have just secured our Keynote speaker - Matthew Evans**

Food Writer, Farmer, Television Broadcaster and Chef  
Matthew Evans is a food writer, farmer, television broadcaster and chef.



Matthew lives and works on Fat Pig Farm, a mixed holding where he tends a garden, makes cider, fattens the namesake pigs and tries to entice milk from two full cream dairy cows for his onsite restaurant. Matthew's personal farming journey has been the focus of six series of Gourmet Farmer on SBS, and he has presented two documentaries, For The Love of Meat, and What's The Catch.

Matthew is the author of over a dozen books on food, including the authoritative ethical meat manifesto On Eating Meat. He's an advocate for open, fair, accountable food and farming systems, and has pushed for honest labelling so we can all enjoy sustainable seafood.

His most recent book SOIL is a hymn to the remarkable, and underappreciated bit of Earth that gifts us life. It's a swashbuckling tale of soil that arms us all with the knowledge and respect to care about its health, the perfect complement to his latest completely revised cookbook The Real Food Companion. His next book, MILK, due out in July 2024, unpacks the truth and lies behind the original superfood.

**Stay tuned for more details and speakers.**

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## Proposed resolution regarding FERA wind turbines.

In response to the concerns raised in the recent survey, the HCCC committee propose the presentation of a resolution to our members, to give the HCCC committee and staff a clear course of action.

The proposed resolution seeks to address the prevailing concerns by outlining a set of principles that align with the guidelines laid out by DEECA (Department of Environmental, Energy, and Climate Action). This resolution, if endorsed, would guide the stance of the HCCC in relation to the construction of wind turbines and associated infrastructure within the Hughes Creek Catchment zone.

**The committee has agreed to put these resolutions to our members to vote in our next meeting at 7:30pm on February 15th at Ruffy TLC.** We encourage all members to attend for this meeting. If unable to attend, please send feedback to HCCC or TGN prior to the meeting.

**Outlined below are the key points encapsulated within the resolution:**

### 1. Neutrality in Support or Opposition:

In adherence to the guidelines established by DEECA, HCCC will refrain from either supporting or opposing the construction of wind turbines and associated infrastructure in the Hughes Creek Catchment zone. Instead, the committee will actively engage with relevant stakeholders to ensure that environmental studies incorporate the valuable insights within the knowledge base of HCCC members.

**2. Collaborative Oversight:** If wind turbines receive governmental approval and all legal channels have been explored, HCCC members consent to the committee collaborating with the companies involved. This collaboration will be geared towards ensuring that all activities align with the conditions stipulated in both the works approval and the environmental impact statement, whether explicitly codified or implicitly implied.

## TGN's Back Page Ads

Every year 20+ TGN readers decide to either advertise their businesses or altruistically feature one of the HCCC's local fauna or flora.

This financial support is very much appreciated and assists with the production of TGN.

From time to time some of these ad spaces become vacant and other TGN readers/supporters get the chance to highlight their wares, their services or just a favourite creature.

The very reasonable sum of \$250 per year results in very cost effective message getting out to a wide readership for approximately \$5.95 per issue x 42 issues a year.

If any readers would be interested in taking up this advertising opportunity, when it becomes available, please email [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) Thanks.

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### 3. Utilisation of Funding Opportunities:

Members further agree to empower HCCC to actively seek and apply for any funding opportunities provided by the companies involved. These funds will be directed towards sustaining and advancing the committee's ongoing efforts to enhance the environmental well-being of the region.

By presenting and voting on this resolution, we aim to establish a clear and collective stance that reflects the diverse perspectives within our membership while ensuring a proactive and responsible approach to environmental stewardship in the Hughes Creek Catchment zone.

Your feedback and engagement in this crucial decision-making process are highly encouraged.

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**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.





## Nominations now open for Council's 2024 Murrindindi Shire Community Awards

Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting nominations for its 2024 Community Awards (previously called Citizen of the Year Awards) to celebrate the outstanding contributions of volunteers who demonstrate exceptional community spirit and a willingness to help others.

Council is encouraging all Shire residents to nominate an inspiring individual or community group for one of the four Award categories:

- ☐ **Volunteer of the Year**
- ☐ **Senior Volunteer of the Year**
- ☐ **Young Volunteer of the Year**
- ☐ **Community Group or Initiative of the Year**

Community groups can be nominated for their valued contribution or for a special project or initiative they have delivered. This may include a group that was formed specifically to deliver a project, or campaign. Tell us who inspires you, and how they make our Shire a better place.

### Nominations close on Sunday 24 March.

Entries will be judged from 2 April, with winners of the Awards announced and presented at a volunteer appreciation event during National Volunteer Week (20-26 May 2024).

For more information on the Awards, eligibility criteria, Frequently Asked Questions, and to nominate an individual or community group, [visit \*\*theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/2024awards\*\*](https://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/2024awards)

You can also drop into Council's Library and Customer Service Centres and complete a paper nomination form. All nominations will be assessed by a judging panel made up of community members from across the Shire. The panel will select the Award winners and present their recommendations to Council.

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## Attracting more visitors to the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park in Seymour

There is even more reason to visit one of Mitchell Shire's most popular landmarks after the completion of the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Activation Project.

In addition to its historical importance as a military training area, the Park plays a pivotal role in Seymour's open space network, offering a diverse range of recreational opportunities for both visitors and residents of Mitchell Shire.

Thanks to \$405,000 from the Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund and \$135,000 from Mitchell Shire Council, the project has successfully delivered a broad range of enhancements including:

- new walking trails
- picnic shelters
- park furniture
- a waterside platform
- interpretive information and signage
- improved parking and road access
- and landscaping improvements.



These upgrades not only enhance the overall experience for visitors but also contribute to the broader appeal of Seymour and the surrounding region. Visit Council's website for more information about the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park.

By providing more attractions and amenities, Seymour hopes to attract a greater number of visitors and encourage them to extend their stay in town and the wider region. Not only has a piece of Australia's military history been preserved but also created a space that will be cherished by generations to come.



<p><b>HABBIES HOWE BEEF</b></p> <p>MATURE, WELL HUNG &amp; AVAILABLE</p> <p>IGA SEYMOUR GARY'S MEATS, PRAHRAN MARKET L&amp;L MEATS, BENTLEIGH</p> <p>SCOTCH AND FILLET ST HELENA, MENTONE &amp; MERNDA</p>	<p>Donated by supporters of the endangered Hairy Hop bush</p> 	<p><b>Chris Sharman</b></p> <p>Energy Efficiency &amp; Solar Energy Specialist</p> <p>Acme – Air Conditioning   Electrical   Solar</p> <p>M: 0418 551 301 T: Office - 9785 7339 E: <a href="mailto:chris@acmeair.com.au">chris@acmeair.com.au</a></p>	 <p><b>Darren Gilbert</b> open studio</p> <p>@ 5 Giffard Street Yea</p> <p>Open every first weekend of the month Up to date Open Studio days &amp; times on <a href="http://www.monkeytaildesign.com">www.monkeytaildesign.com</a></p>
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