

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

Peter and I 'escaped' from Melbourne 38 years ago when he received a job promotion. My dad summed up our move quite succinctly only 3 weeks later when he came to visit - "Well you won't be moving back anytime soon, will you." And he was right. Over the years some friends have drifted away because the distance to come and visit was too great for their suburban mentality or they didn't like, non-freeway, country driving. Even now I am still occasionally asked why I'm living at the far end of a wombat hole?

The coda to last Tuesday's rainstorms, with their accompanying gale force winds, is the reason why I love living in the bush. It's not the stunning views, or the wildlife, or the smell of the bush after the rain (although they are all pretty persuasive factors) it's the community spirit that happens when you need it most.

So last Tuesday saw storms hit in various areas at different times and my drive home from work in Yea - where the power went out at 2pm - was the slowest on record due to the number of trees and heavy branches across the Ghin Ghin Rd. I was halfway through attempting to move the first large obstruction off the road when I was joined by an unknown chap in a ute to give me a hand. We then progressed from one arbour blockage to the next and by the time we arrived at the last one there was a conga line of 5 cars with their inhabitants (2 of whom were neighbours I hadn't previously met) all assisting to get these branches and canopies off the road. An incredible display of community in action.

A subsequent drive into Seymour on Wednesday, and to Ruffy on Thursday, night indicated that other community members, ones who had chainsaws, had also been at work to clear our local roads, so a **HUGE** thank-you to, not only my fellow tree shifters but the other anonymous community members, as well as the local councils. who have cleared the largest of these obstructions off our roads in a timely manner. Don't you just love living in our caring, local communities? I do.



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was hiding in Matthew Evans' empty basket.

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

"With an apple I will astonish Paris."

Paul Cezanne (1839 - 1906)
French Post-Impressionist artist

And he did!







The BEST description of an echidna...ever

"Up on its hind legs, snout probing into the melaleuca bark, legs splayed anchoring, claws hooked in at points, it is the original all-terrain perambulator."

Backing backwards with clawed paws, it takes a mini dirt-surf down the bank on dry lichen and moss, then crosses the track at right angles."

taken from Yarra by Kristin Otto

| | NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events. | What's On - February & March 2024 |
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|  | Mon. 26th Feb. 2-4pm | RUFFY VEGGIE GROWERS CLUB @ 91 Boathole Rd, Ruffy New members are always welcome. Topic - Wicking beds Enquiries Janet 0458 904268 |
| | Thurs. 29th Feb. @ 5.30pm | SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat. |
|  | Fri. 1st March from 6pm | FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com |
| | Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Mar. 10-4 | DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO @ 5 Gifford St, Yea Open the first weekend each month - discover some stunning artwork. |
|  | Fri. 8th March @ 6.30pm | 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 |
|  | Thurs. 14th March @ 7.30 | HCCC MONTHLY MEETING @ Caveat Church Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary now. Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473 |
|  | Thurs. 28th March 6-8pm | HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB @ Highlands Community Hall All welcome, BYO plate to share & preferred beverage. Gold coin donation. 'Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman & 'Food, Sex and Money' by Liz Byski are up for discussion. 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 21st February and 6th & 20th March. |
|  | Mon. 5th Feb @ 7pm | TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com |
| | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1-3 | DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 20th Feb. and 5th & 19th March 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 |
| NEW times! | Mon 8.45-9.45am Wed. 6.45-7.45pm | 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 |

HCCC Landcare Meeting Report.

(The Power of the Pen or ... these days: the Power of the Email)

Readers of the Granite News might remember that a few issues ago our weeds Facilitator, Neil Van Buuren, exhorted us to contact the Department of Agriculture representative, Oliver Goodwin. It seems that quite a few of our readers contacted Oliver with the result that he will be meeting with Neil to work on a plan of attack on some of the most rampant blackberry areas. Many thanks to all those who contacted the Department.

A Bush Crew employed by the Taungurung Clans is also working its way along the length of the Hughes Creek targeting weeds. Remember that HCCC has spray units available for your use, as well as subsidised chemicals. Contact Justus or Neil .

Janet and Neil hosted a team from Landcare Victoria for a tour of our Landcare area. They were blown away by our magnificent landscape - "So close to Melbourne but so unknown!"

We also voted on the resolutions put forward in the GN a few issues ago:

- Resolution 1 was passed (emphasising HCCC's neutral position on the windfarm proposal), but
- Resolutions 2 and 3 did not pass.

We thank all those who took the trouble to contact us to put their views on this contentious subject.

The storm of last Tuesday caused great havoc, with lots of branches and limbs strewn across our roads. Some great giants succumbed, including some truly massive trees. One in particular near Lindsay Park, (the Mailbox tree) at Creighton's Creek was a landmark. It is truly sad to see trees like this go. It makes us aware of the need to replace these, so that in the future trees that we've planted will impress another generation.

Our next meeting will be the traditional autumn meeting at the Caveat Church, a truly atmospheric setting.
Thursday March 14 at 7.30 pm. Hope to see you there.

Cheerio, Justus.

HEALTHY SOILS
in the Hughes Creek Catchment
Landcare project

**FREE
GRAZING WORKSHOP**
WITH JUDI EARL

Wednesday, March 27th
Location to be confirmed

**Bookings now
open**

Please RSVP by email at
vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au

This project is funded by the
Victorian State Government and the
Goulburn Broken CMA through the
Victorian Landcare Grants

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"Healthy Soils in the Hughes Creek Catchment" Landcare project

Vanessa Malandrin, HCCC Project Coordinator



Dear Granite News readers,
We're excited to announce that our project on Soil Health has officially started, and bookings are now open for the workshop on grazing with renowned Dr Judi Earl, planned for Wednesday the 27th of March.

If you live within the Hughes Creek Catchment and you'd like to host this workshop, please feel free to get in touch with Vanessa at the address provided below. To make sure this workshop is as much as possible tailored to the participants' needs, we invite you to complete the brief questionnaire attached to the TGN newsletter's email, and send it back to vanessa@hccclandcare.net.au

Judi is an expert in grassland ecology, soil health and grazing management, who has used Holistic Management and planned grazing to regenerate a degraded 1,100-acre property she purchased in 2011 in northern NSW. If you'd like to learn more about Judi's approach to grazing, [at this link](#) you'll be able to find several videos and other resources.

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

Coordinator's report for HCCC Landcare AGM, November 2023 Janet Hagen



One of my major roles as a facilitator this year has been the building and maintaining of partnerships.

We have built strong connections to a number of networks, Strathbogie Ranges Conservation, Longwood Plains CMN, Euroa Arboretum, Central Victorian Biolinks, Goulburn Broken CMA and Active Avenel.

We overlap with adjoining Landcare groups to give landholders the best possible outcomes. Burnt Creek, Creighton's Creek & Longwood East Landcare. So we maintain fuzzy boundaries.

We also have connections with Waterwatch and ARI native fish recovery. Trust for Nature, Biolinks Alliance and greater glider surveys. It is important to actively support and nurture these partnerships.

For funding purposes, we have formed a cluster of networks called the Grante 2 Goulburn group.

Another task in the facilitator job description that I really enjoy is "networking". This involves linking all the various organisations that operate within the Hughes Creek Catchment with us and to each other.

Chatting to landholders, completing surveys, writing letters of support, attending forums and conferences, having conversations, and finding common ground. These connections offer new opportunities and random surprises. eg. FRRR, Granite News, INaturalist, Hume Corridor Climate Change Alliance ANU.

It has been great to have Vanessa with us doing all the on ground hard yakka of community engagement, which is so important.

The Granite News is a wonderful tool - it makes the work of a facilitator a breeze. Thank you so much Pauline and other contributors for keeping the GR alive and growing so well. Navigating through some tricky topics and letters to the editor, striving for a voice of reason and balanced content.

Writing funding applications also takes up a fair bit of my time. Lots of in-depth thinking. Will we have a "New Future for Landcare"? Don't know yet but we have got pretty close.

Late news – yes! we have a new Landcare future 🍷🍷🍷🍷

HCCC's Granite 2 Goulburn project has been selected to be in the first group of the New Landcare Futures starting in 2024.

Parkinson's Disease and Pesticide Use in Australia

Since converting from Publisher to Canva, as the means of constructing The Granite News, it's a rare week now that any extra attachments are included in the weekly email. However, this week there is a very important attachment that focuses on the possible links between Parkinson's Disease and Pesticide Use around the world. Below is a summation for Australia, but it would be worthwhile reading the entire attached document.

D. The Issues for Australia

- a) We must recognise that all pesticides, herbicides and fungicides are designed to affect and destroy living processes and must be treated with great respect. This is not always the case in some farming communities.
- b) We need an extensive advertising campaign to constantly remind farmers of farm chemical toxicity and the long term consequences of their inappropriate use to themselves and neighbours (for example spray drift).
- c) Risks associated with farm chemicals need to be taught and reinforced at agricultural high schools.
- d) We need a register of the sale of restricted chemicals so their distribution and use can be mapped and the epidemiology studied in relation to health and land degradation.
- e) We need ongoing monitoring of domestic water tanks for specific chemicals when farmers are concerned with spray drift. Since recent publicity some members of Parkinson's Australia have been asked by farmers on how to have this conducted.
- f) We should plan to have chemical free regions around rural townships.
- g) More research on chemical toxicity of specific farm chemicals needs to be conducted to assess the impact on the land, fauna and possible impact on humans.
- h) We need more comprehensive data on the prevalence of Parkinson's Disease in rural Australia.

HCCC Landcare Facilitators are essential - read on to discover more...

The HCCC's 3 wonderful facilitators - Janet Hagen, Neil van Buuren and Vanessa Malandrin - do a fantastic job of raising our communities' awareness of all things environmental, as well as assisting with individual landholders' queries and concerns about their plans for the future.

Unfortunately, all three positions are subject to the vagaries of ongoing funding and applications for this funding come around with monotonous regularity. Each time there is uncertainty as to the success of these applications and the HCCC Committee can only hope that the funding will continue, in order for the excellent programs offered to continue and develop. So....

If you are interested in having a say on the Vic Landcare Facilitator program, there are a couple of opportunities to get involved – see information below.

Consultation for the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program review is now [open on Engage Vic](#).

There are opportunities to provide feedback until 20 March 2024.

How to get involved

Online survey – click [here](#) to complete the survey. Available to everyone

Online workshops – visit **Engage Vic** and scroll down for dates, times and to register.

Workshops are being held for:

- Landcare facilitators
- Groups/networks supported by a Landcare facilitator and VLFP funding recipients/ employers of a Landcare facilitator.
- Interviews – A sample of Landcare facilitators, groups/networks and VLFP funding recipients/ employers will be approached for interview.

About the review

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is looking towards future planning for the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program. To ensure the program continues to deliver effective and efficient support for the Landcare and environmental volunteer community, we want to hear from stakeholders about what makes the program great, and what can be improved.

The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program is an important part of supporting Landcare and environmental volunteers around Victoria. Landcare facilitators are highly valued by the community. Networks and other organisations employing facilitators play a crucial role in enabling community support.

Your input will be vital throughout the review process. We have engaged the consulting company RMCG to undertake an independent stakeholder engagement process. RMCG will analyse and collate everyone's feedback and provide this de-identified feedback back to us for consideration in the review.

To learn more and have your say before 20 March 2024, [visit Engage Vic](#).

If you have any issues or would like a hard copy of the survey, please contact **Kirstie Lee** directly - **0437 310840** or kerstiel@bcma.vic.gov.au and she will organise one to be sent to you.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Look what's coming to Highlands/Kobyboyn, Tarcombe and Upton Hill.

Readers may recall the plan published in 'Stock and Land' the proposed FERA windfarm layout with the little yellow dots indicating the location of each proposed wind turbines. However each of these locations will require massive earthworks to construct the foundations for each turbine.

The turbines proposed for the Southern Strathbogies are similar in scale to those under construction at Golden Plains west of Melbourne. The windfarm developer MPK recently published the following:

"Our team working on the Golden Plains Wind Farm East Project celebrated a big milestone this month, when crews successfully completed the largest wind turbine foundation ever constructed in Australia.

While MPK has worked on turbine foundations for many large-scale wind farms in the past, this one was next level.

To put the feat into perspective, our crews excavated a 28.4m diameter, 4m deep hole and placed 150 tonnes of steel reinforcement in it, then for the next ten hours poured in a massive 950 cubic metres of concrete from 146 concrete trucks.

While those volumes might seem like a lot to the average person, it's needed when you're building a foundation for one of the largest onshore wind turbines in the market.

And to put the turbine into perspective, it's blades will span 162m in diameter and stand 230m from ground to tip when erected, which is higher than the Statue of Liberty and, closer to home, just under the height of Melbourne's Eureka Tower"

The Golden Plains wind farm is located in a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), close to major transmission lines, on flat land serviced by major highways and roads.

This is in contrast to the Strathbogies wind farm which will be about 70 turbines in size. It is not located in a REZ, has a poor road network with limited road access from major highways.

What will be the impact of construction of these massive foundations for 70 turbines including:

- Pouring 70,000 cubic metres of concrete
- 10,200 concrete truck return trips.
- the equivalent number of trips to remove the excavated overburden.

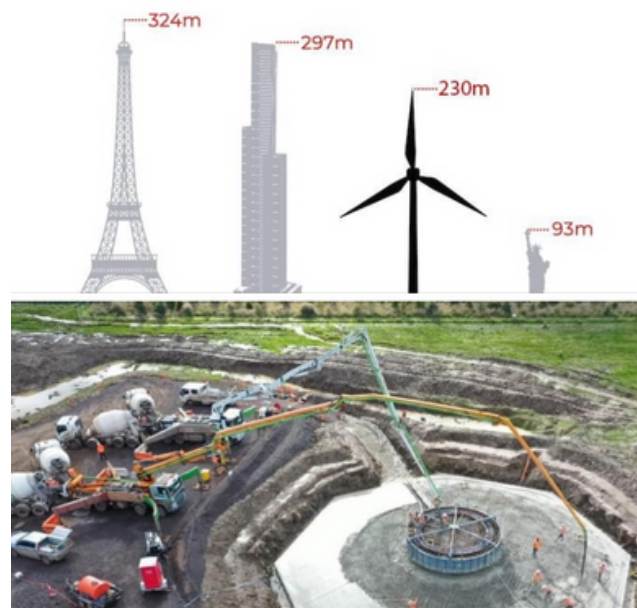
This raises a number of questions?

- what will be the impact on our already poorly maintained roads?
- who bears the cost of the increased road maintenance - the ratepayers?
- what is the hydrological impact of 70 of these massive holes in terms of the Hughes Creek and tributaries, nearby soaks and springs and the general water table with this degree of excavation?

What is the embodied energy the concrete and transport requirements for 70 turbines?

This is all in addition to the impact on our unique and pristine landscape and biodiversity.

John Curtis
Highlands.



Highlands Book Club.

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** 🌸

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

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

Did you know?

HARDWOOD - Comes from flowering trees known as Angiosperms like Blue Gum, Jarrah, Mountain Ash and Karri Eucalyptus.
Hardwood timber can be used for furniture, flooring and long lasting construction.

SOFTWOOD - Comes from non-flowering trees known as Gymnosperms including evergreen conifers like Radiata, Cypress, Hoop and Pencil Pine.
Softwood has a lower density and is used for things like packaging, newspapers, window frames and doors.

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.

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.

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.



Buses to The Alexandra Races on March 2

Picnic Racing returns to Alexandra on 2 March. The Alex Races Rock is one of the most fun meetings of the season. The Rockin' Tones is a great, traditional Rock band that will get you up and moving.

Getting to the races has never been easier. Buses are running on 3 routes: from Eildon, from Marysville and from Yea. You need to book online to reserve your seat.

There is a small charge of \$5 return. Children 15 and under travel free but they must also have a reservation. Take the hassle out of getting to the races and book early.

www.trybooking.com/COPVA

Dress up as your favourite rock idol or group for a chance to win some great prizes. Young people 16 and under can enter the air guitar competition. Marco the Magician and Jess the Face Painter will be there too. The Big Screen returns to make all the local and Melbourne races will be larger than life.

We thank sponsors Foodworks, Whanregarwen Pastoral, Rubicon Hotel Motel Thornton, Ernie Hadfield Contracting, Bet 365 and Thompson Family Racing for their support on the day.

You can purchase tickets at the gate for \$15/head or \$10 Conc. Children 16 and under are free.

Goulburn Valley Water is recruiting for a new customer panel

Goulburn Valley Water is calling for customers to provide feedback and help shape future projects and priorities by registering an expression of interest for a new customer panel.

The Customer Accountability Panel will provide a key customer voice to reflect annually on progress across the 2023-28 Price Plan, which sets out GVW's key priorities and projects for the next five years.

GVW Managing Director Steve Capewell said the new panel would be a continuation of the work achieved by customers as part of the previous 2018-23 Price Plan and during consultation and development of the current plan.

"Our customer panels have provided some really important insights and valuable feedback, and we're committed to continuing to have a customer voice as we progress through our current five-year plan," Dr Capewell said. "We are keen to work with another group of customers who will help us review progress on our commitments, and also contribute their views on future projects over the next couple of years.

We genuinely want to engage broadly and deeply and so we encourage any customers with an interest in our water future to register their interest in selection on the panel."

The new panel will be drawn from GVW's 54 towns and will include representation from homeowners, tenants, businesses and future customers. It will also include members of the 2018-23 Annual Performance Forum and Customer Carbon Advisory Group to create a balance of fresh insights and prior experience.

The 2023-28 Price Plan is centred on four promises:

- provide reliable water and wastewater services customers can trust
- lead action and partner with communities to grow the region
- care for the environment and adapt to a future impacted by climate variability
- deliver respectful and responsive customer service, balancing affordability, value for money and fairness.

Investment in renewable energy, supporting customers experiencing financial hardship and renewing existing assets and infrastructure to ensure reliable service into the future are three of the major commitments.

For more information or to submit an expression of interest, visit <http://gvwater.vic.gov.au/customer-accountability-panel>

The expression of interest deadline is Friday 8 March 2024.



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SLOW THE FLOW

Learn how the landscape remained hydrated and running at full efficiency. Develop the skills to locate, design and build natural landscape structures.



LET ALL PLANTS GROW

Plants along with water are the builders of our system. Understand the role that plants play in the landscape and how they can be used to their full potential.



CAREFUL WHERE THE ANIMALS GO

Learn to observe the interaction of livestock with the landscape and recognise the role they play as tools within our production systems.



FILTRATION IS A MUST KNOW

Understand the process of filtration and where it occurs within the landscape.



RETURN TO THE TOP TO RECYCLE THE LOT

Learn how to recycle the nutrients back to the top to best reduce losses and how to reconnect your landscape.

Avenel, VIC: 25 - 28 March 2024

Early Bird Price: \$2,700 incl. GST per person

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|  <p>Murrindindi Shire Council</p> <p>Cr John Walsh Koriella Ward Murrindindi Shire Council jwalsh@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</p> <p>0437 835 586</p> | <p>Tablelands Community Centre</p> <p>Upgraded facilities & playground</p> <p>Ideal for Private or Community gatherings</p> <p>Meetings, Workshops</p> <p>Very reasonable rates</p> <p>Hosts 1st Friday BBQs</p> <p>Contact tccruffy@gmail.com</p> <p>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>  |
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