

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

It seems nowadays that there are designated days and weeks for every possible thing under the sun and a brief perusal of the United Nations List of International Days and Weeks makes for interesting and entertaining reading.

Everything from World Tuna Day (2/5) to International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11/2) to English Language Day (23/4 - which just happens to be Shakespeare's birthday, as well as St George's Day) and World Bee Day (20/5) have all been allocated a date for the world to celebrate and/or reflect upon.

Wednesday of this coming week - **June 5th** - has been tagged **World Environment Day** and is a chance for the human population of our wonderful world to pause and consider the rest of the inhabitants, plants and habitats on this planet that we all share.



The theme for 2024 is - We are #GenerationRestoration.

To quote "We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land."

This is exactly what the HCCC aims to do by educating, assisting and encouraging individual landholders to not only appreciate and enjoy their land, but also to care for it and to restore it to a better condition for future generations to come.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was enjoying the mushroom magic workshop .

Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
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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

"Our planet is the BEST home."

Seen on a toddler's T-shirt in the Grampians



Month	Highlands	Ruffy	Terip
May	69.4 mm	67 mm	TBA
2024 Total	349.1 mm	300.5 mm	TBA
Rainy Days	5 days	5 days	TBA

To find out more about World Environment Day

<https://tinyurl.com/4w4az9um>

What's On - June 2024		
	Fri. 7th June 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
	Fri 7th - Sun 9th June	MUDBASH @ MAFEKING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CFA FUNDRAISER Various timeslots of a couple of hours to choose from. Offers of assistance 0427 529551
	Tues. 11th June @ 7pm	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE - AGM @ Tablelands Community Centre All welcome to attend. Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Fri. 14th June @ 6.30pm	DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Community Hall 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
	Mon. 17th June @ 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
	Thurs 20th June @ 7pm	HCCC MONTHLY MEETING @ Terip Rec Reserve (TBC) Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary now. Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473
	Thurs. 27th June @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	Thurs 27th June @ 7pm	TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE AGM @ Terip Rec Reserve
	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 12th & 26th June.
	Every Monday @ 7pm	TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com Not happening in winter - too cold!
	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 4th & 18th June 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. 6.15-7.15pm	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

Dear Editor,

Further recollections on the start of Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative.

The driving force behind its setting up was the late Tony Nicholas who lived at Mount Tickatory. He realised that Government was moving towards a preference for dealing with, and providing grants, for efficiency reasons to larger Landcare groups.

Initially, a grant was awarded to prepare a catchment wide strategy which was undertaken by an agricultural and environmental consultant.

The Strategy was based on extensive consultation with the community and focused on:

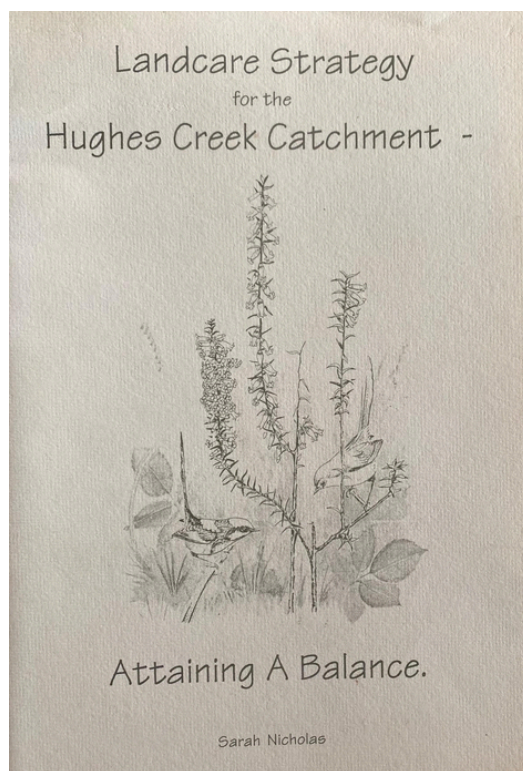
- Rabbit eradication and reduction in harbour (bracken fern although it was also found to be bandicoot habitat)
- weeds
- revegetation
- water quality
- wildlife habitat

To familiarise members with the catchment, members of the newly formed HCCC, walked the full length of the Hughes Creek from where it rises near Terip to its confluence with the Goulburn near Nagambie.

We walked much of it with our three young daughters. The group was amazed by the fern filled gorges, rocky outcrops and granitic sand beaches along the length of the creek.

**John Curtis
Highlands**

P.S. - blame me for the name of HCCC but that's another story.



**Thanks to Lesley Dalziel
for this classic shot
taken at the most recent
HCCC monthly meeting
with all 3 facilitators
(L to R)**

**Neil Van Buuren,
Vanessa Malandrin and
Janet Hagen
in the foreground.**

NB: I don't even remember this
being taken - Ed.

UFOs land again at Highlands

Last weekend the 18th annual UFO Weekend (UnFinished Objects - not space junk) landed again at the recently refurbished Highlands Hall and a GREAT time was once again had by all.

The attendees enjoyed rolling their sewing machines up the newly installed entrance ramp and marveled at the impressive conversion of the ablution facilities, that now caters for all abilities.

However, the highlight of the weekend was yet again catching up with friends, enjoying the delicious food and creating amazing things with fabric. It only happens once a year and the participants come from 'everywhere' - Highlands, Ruffy, Yea, Seymour, Tallarook, Lilydale, Tolmie, Mt Evelyn, Frankston, Craigieburn and Poowong to name just a few locations.

Everyone is welcome, why not put next year's dates in your diaries now - 24th & 25th May 2025



Like to make use of this excellent community facility?
See ad on the back page of TGN for further details.

Terip's Tantalizingly Terrific



at the Terip Community Centre

Saturday, 29 June 2024, 7:00 for 7:30 pm Trivia kick-off

Tickets: Adults \$15, Children \$5

Supper provided

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Teams of 6-8 can be entered or come long and join a team on the night!

RSVP by Monday, 24th June for catering to teripterip3719@gmail.com, message our Terip Community FB page or phone: Frances 0427 904 262 or Jenny 0448 833 875

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.



UPCOMING REGENERATIVE AG COURSES IN JULY

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MAKING BIOFERTILISERS ON FARM

ONLINE JULY 24 - AUGUST 21
@7.30 PM - 9 PM

- Learn to make a range of biofertilisers on farm
- Learn about different biological products
- Learn how to make a range of basic Starter Cultures



WHAT PEOPLE SAY

- *Judi was a great presenter, very knowledgeable*
- *Thank you again for delivering a fantastic session*
- Bioferts workshop Western VIC April 2023



MORE INFORMATION

bit.ly/courses-HCCC or



Highlands - Caveat RFB still needs **YOU!**



With only 4 more days to go until another Mudbash weekend and the annual fundraiser for the Highlands-Caveat Brigade volunteers (CFA brigade members and local community) are needed for the following...

On the weekend (Fri. 7th, Sat. 8th & Sun. 9th June) - volunteers are needed to sell firewood and to collect donations at the gate.
Please advise Pauline of your availability - **0427 529551**

A HUGE Thank you to those volunteers who turned up to split, chop and stack wood in preparation for this fundraising event. Many hands made light work and an impressive pile of firewood is now waiting to be sold.

SPONSORSHIP and/or BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

From time to time a back page ad space becomes available and readers are offered the opportunity to financially support this great weekly community newsletter. **Currently 3 spaces are available!**

One such space is currently available and for an extremely reasonable \$250 you could either promote your business, or altruistically support our iconic local wildlife.
Interested? email the editor - editor@tgn.org.au

Annual General Meeting

Tablelands Community Centre

will be held at the TCC, Ruffy on

Tuesday 11th June at 7.00pm.

Enquiries? please contact Fiona
0427 690970

Carbon market information from Lawyers Hall & Wilcox

There seems to be a lot of talk about carbon credits so to clarify some issues I have asked a lawyer for some advice on this matter.

<https://hallandwilcox.com.au/thinking/what-do-landowners-and-business-operators-need-to-know-about-carbon-credit-projects/>

Neil van Buuren - HCCC Facilitator

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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.